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Saving the sage grouse

Land users, agencies try to increase numbers

By N.S. Nokkentved
Times-News writer**ROGERSON** — One local effort to do something about the declining numbers of sage grouse went up in smoke this summer.

The land that burned in the 63,000-acre West Basin Fire east of Jackpot, Nev., this summer included private grazing lands managed as sage grouse habitat.

Eden farmer and rancher Rob Rogererson is a member of the

No listing — yet — A2

About sage grouse — A6

Pleasant Valley Grazing Association The association has been involved in the Shoshone Basin Sage Grouse Working Group, which is attempting to improve sage grouse habitat on the 10,000-acre Horse Creek Allotment in southern Twin Falls County.

The allotment is split evenly among Forest Service, Bureau of

Land Management and private land. But the bulk of the sage grouse habitat is on private land, and most of it burned, Rogererson said.

The incident underscores what sage grouse experts say is the main reason for the bird's decline.

Fire is the biggest threat to the West's declining sage grouse populations, said Jack Connolly, principal wildlife research biologist with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. He and other scientists are alarmed at the decline of the grouse, whose for-

tune is intimately tied to the sagebrush-grassland ecosystem covering much of southern Idaho.

Sage grouse is the icon of the wide-open West, the cock of the plains that Lewis and Clark wrote about in their journals, Connolly said.

"It's a part of our Western heritage," he said. "We don't want them to disappear."

The sage grouse's struggles has sparked talk — so far, unoffical talk — of adding the bird to the federal endangered species list.

The effects of such a listing are

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**A masked youth waves a pistol Saturday as he participates in a rally organized by Yasser Arafat's Fatah Movement on the outskirts of Gaza City.****Clinton will attend summit**

Knight Ridder News Service

CAIRO — After a marathon diplomatic effort by world leaders, Israel and the Palestinians agreed on Saturday to meet face to face at a U.S.-sponsored emergency summit in Egypt designed to stop their worst violence.

President Clinton also plans to attend Monday's summit in the Red Sea resort town of Sharm el-Sheikh.

Palestinian fury — **A12**
"Our central objective must now be to stop the violence, to restore calm and safety, to agree on a fact-finding mechanism concerning how this began and how we can prevent it from occurring again and to find a way back to dialogue and negotiations," Clinton told reporters in Washington.

Faced with pressure from world leaders, both Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat publicly appeared to have dropped certain demands that threatened to scuttle diplomatic efforts to bring them to the table.

But as of late Saturday there were conflicting versions of whether the two sides had abandoned their prior conditions for a summit.

Most observers, Israeli and Palestinian, remained cautious about what to expect from the summit given the tense atmosphere following more than two weeks of violence and bitter accusations by both sides. Much could still happen in the days before the summit, said analysts.

Some of the key issues that will likely be discussed include an immediate cease-fire agreement, withdrawal of Israeli troops from Palestinian areas, the creation of an international committee to investigate the causes of the violence and the re-arrest of dozens of Islamic militants released from Palestinian jails in the past two weeks.

There were sporadic gunbattles on Saturday between Israelis and Palestinians, especially in Hebron, but overall the violence was lower than in the previous 16 days of clashes.

SHEEPWAGONS, HO!

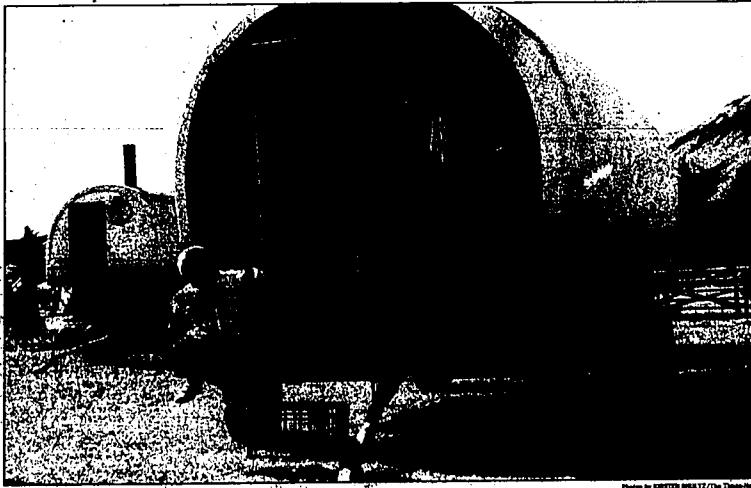
**Danny Graves**
Leaps from a wagon built by Richfield farmer Allan Lauder Saturday at the Sheep Folklife Fair in Halleys.

Photo by BRONI ORELLA/The Times-News

Sheep Folklife Fair is a slice of Americana

By Karen Bosack
Times-News correspondent**HAILEY** — Sam Jackson makes 200 appearances a year reading sheepdog poetry. But Saturday he took on the appearance of an RV salesman as he yakked for six hours nonstop about America's first travel trailer — the sheepwagon.

"The cowboys weren't as smart as the sheepherders," he quipped. "They slept in small teepees that they hauled in their chuckwagons."

The setting for Jackson's foray into the past was a park in Hailey, where residents are an RV people and, thanks to an encampment of eight sheepwagons sporting characteristic green wooden slat bottoms and 16-oz. cotton canvas tops.

Hundreds of people clambered in and out of them, admiring hand-carved horseshoe-shaped headrests, Sheep Dip Whisky sit-



Tish, a border collie owned by Tish Lewis of Murphy, keeps a close eye on her flock during a herding demonstration at the Sheep Folklife Fair Saturday.

on the kitchen table and other personal touches provided by their owners as live bagpipe, fiddle and Peruvian music played in the background.

The slice of Americana was part of the Sheep Folklife Fair, a prelude to today's giant sheep parade down Main Street.

"As more and more people moved here and wondered what was going on, we decided to have

Governor plans visit

Ida Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is expected to join in the Trailing of the Sheep Parade that starts today at noon.**Bagpipers, sheepwagons and the Oinkirk Basque Dancers** will also join the sheep down Main Street in Ketchum the evening to winter pastures in Hailey.**Paradegoers** are requested to leave dogs at home, as they could interfere with the working sheep dogs.**A sheepherder walk** to view sheep herder carvings on trees will take place between 2 and 3:30 p.m. at the end of the Eagle Creek Road north of Ketchum.

a party and invite them to come out and find out about it," said Diane Joseph Peavey, who founded the celebration.

The celebration has grown from

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**Pearl Harbor survivor Buck Weaver, left, listens to an invocation Saturday during the dedication of the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation Homecoming statue at Town Point Park in Norfolk, Va. The event was part of Fleet Week festivities but turned into a memorial for the dead and injured from the USS Cole.**

USS Cole investigation grows

FBI agents, specialists descend upon probable terrorist scene

The Associated Press

Suspects — A13

joining a few experts already in place. Their mission: "advise, assist and assess" a probe that began almost immediately after Thursday's explosion, Dudley said.

"So far, investigators have worked to secure what U.S. officials increasingly believe is a terrorist crime scene. Divers were examining the hull.

More than 400 FBI evidence and explosives experts, including those in the group that

arrived Saturday, were expected in Aden by the end of the weekend.

Yemen almost immediately rejected U.S. claims that terrorism was behind Thursday's explosion, and the Foreign Ministry repeated Saturday that it "does not accept the presence of terrorists on its territories."

Nonetheless, U.S. officials believe it was suicide bombers who blew up a small boat next to the 8,600-ton destroyer, ripping a 40-by-40-foot hole at the water line. Seventeen sailors died, but

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NATION

Ship bombing freezes campaign

Bush, Gore add foreign policy to campaign issues

DETROIT (AP) — With sad eyes, Kathy Jackson gazes at a bank of newspaper boxes and their screaming headlines. Detroit Free Press: "Day of Violence." Detroit News: "U.S. vows to end act of terror."

The Lansing store clerk points to the murderous row of headlines and says, "That is what I'm thinking about today. Not politics for God's sake."

Dramatic news overseas froze the presidential campaign, if only briefly, as Democrat Al Gore and Republican George W. Bush struggled to incorporate these events into their strategy, typically heavy on domestic issues.

Jackson's stunned sentiment was echoed by two dozen undecided voters in Michigan, a state so important in the presidential race that Bush visited Thursday and Friday while Vice President Gore campaigned here Saturday and planned to return Wednesday.

The suicide bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen and the terrorism captured the attention of voters just as the candidates tried to gain momentum from the second of three debates. The final face-off is Tuesday in St. Louis, where the twin crises and a town hall format are expected to mute the candidates' attacks. "The events overseas froze the race," said Bush strategist Karl Rove, whose candidate had been gaining on Gore in



Democratic presidential candidate Vice President Al Gore rallies supporters in Detroit Saturday.

several key states, including this one. The popular vote has been close in the national polls. One poll out Saturday showed the race close, another gave Bush an edge.

With less than a month until Election Day, the candidates and their strategists are obliged to plug away at whether the public is glued to the race or not. Bush and Gore stuck dutifully to their campaign messages while layering a foreign policy theme into each day's activities, knowing that was the only way to get attention.

Bush discussed cancer research in Grand Rapids and energy policy in Pontiac, warning auto workers that a Gore administration would cost them jobs. The vice president tried to gain traction with attacks on Bush's record as Texas governor.

"You can see my opponent's priorities by what he has done in five-and-a-half years as governor of Texas," Gore said Saturday, telling several thousand supporters in an outdoor rally in Detroit that he in 10 minutes more than Americans live in Texas.

Behind the scenes, Bush tweaked his electoral strategy and Gore overhauled his. The vice president has lowered his sights, citing a stiffer-than-expected challenge from Bush and the GOP's huge spending advantage.

Gore's original electoral map blueprint print had him competing in nearly two dozen states, giving his campaign a comfort zone that would have been far past the 270 electoral votes needed to win. But now he's shifting resources from some of the second-tier tar-

Gore camp succumbs to GOP attacks

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Caught by surprise by the effectiveness of Republican attacks, Vice President Al Gore's top strategists in recent days have engaged in sharp disputes over how to better position the candidate and to counter allegations that Gore is an untrustworthy, big-government liberal.

The strength of Texas Gov. George W. Bush's challenges to Gore's character and ideological leanings have angered Gore and his campaign chairman, William Daley. Both have vowed to continue with a team of top-dollar consultants and advisers, questioning why Gore has been forced to defend his personal credibility and centrist credentials this late in the contest, according to sources.

The conflicts among the consultants and advisers have turned into occasional shouting matches and some backbiting they struggle to develop a coherent strategy in the face of criticism from prominent Democrats outside the campaign.

Daley played down the controversy. "He contended that they are a normal and essential part of a campaign when the race is close and the election is less than a month away. "We want these people to be differing and debating," he said. "This has-not-ripened to the level of dissension or disagreement. It's the typical differences that go on in a campaign."

The disputes, according to sources familiar with them, have involved whether the campaign should stress Gore's targeted tax-

Bush shows Teflon — A-5

cut initiatives or focus on the potential problems in Bush's much larger tax cut, whether Gore should be restrained or aggressive in his debate style and whether the campaign's response to Bush attacks has been fast enough and adequately coordinated with other Democratic officials and candidates.

These issues have pitted pollster-strategist Stan Greenberg

against debate adviser Paul Begala and media consultant Bob Shrum. After one blowup, Greenberg and Shrum, who are partners in various overseas political consulting activities, made peace by taking a long walk and smoking cigars, according to a campaign aide.

Begala, in turn, angrily fought those pushing Gore to apologize for alleged exaggerations and inaccuracies, contending that Gore had done nothing to warrant an apology.

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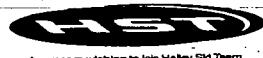
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Democratic party at western political events in Denver and Seattle.

Clinton also kept the government running for another week to give Congress more time to work on passage of a new budget.

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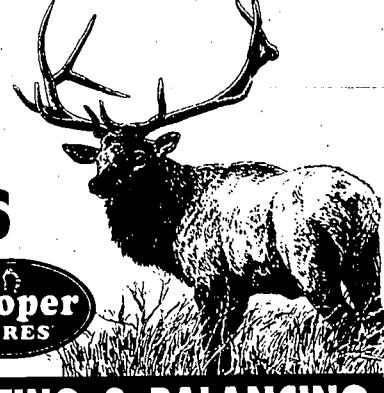
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A short circuit causes a delay in space

Astronauts install space station segment despite problems

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Discovery's astronauts successfully attached a new segment to the international space station on Saturday, despite a short circuit that knocked out critical vision equipment.

The shuttle's robot arm operator, Japanese astronaut Koichi Wakata, installed the girdler-like truss after more than three hours of anxious delay.

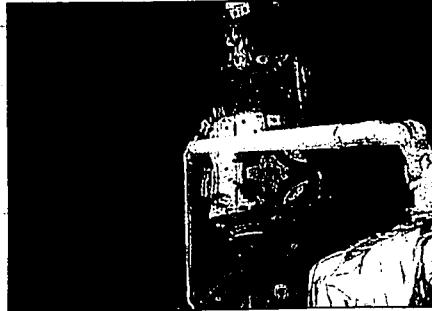
Flight controllers applauded when the pieces finally came together. "Good work," Mission Control said.

The electrical short not only delayed the first construction job of the mission, it made it more difficult.

The short occurred as Wakata was preparing to latch onto the truss in the shuttle cargo bay and lift it onto the space station.

"What timing, huh?" observed commander Brian Duffy.

It was the second equipment problem to strike the mission. The station's main antenna broke without warning last week and forced Duffy to dock with the space station Friday without the benefit of radar, a



In this view from television, the space shuttle Discovery's robot arm prepares to lift the truss component from the shuttle's cargo bay after a successful space shuttle first.

"Unbelievable," Duffy said following Saturday's trouble.

The short disabled a computerized vision system in a camera in the shuttle cargo bay.

Per Mission Control's instructions, the astronauts quickly replaced electronic components for the vision system. There was nothing they could do, however, about the lost camera.

Once the vision system was restored, Wakata grappled the boxy, 18,000-pound truss with the shuttle's robot arm.

He raised the truss out of the cargo bay and, after a long series of checks, deftly attached it to the space station's Unity module.

The computerized vision system was crucial since Wakata did not have a direct line of

sight from the shuttle cockpit for precise alignment.

It's essentially a "connect-the-dots" system.

Even before Saturday's trouble, astronaut Michael Lopez-Alegria had planned to observe the installation of the truss through a space station port-hole.

The lost camera made his eyes all the more valuable. He had to use a flashlight to see out the window in the darkness.

The truss, an aluminum framework about 15 feet long, contains four motion-control gyroscopes and two antennas.

It will serve as the mount for an electricity-generating solar panel that will be installed in December by the next shuttle crew.

On Sunday, two spacewalking astronauts will go out to connect all the cables between the truss and the Unity module. It is the first of four spacewalks planned for the mission.

And on Monday, a docking port will be attached to the space station, to be used for future shuttle visits.

This is NASA's first space station construction mission since the initial components were launched in 1998.

It must be completed before the station's first permanent crew can lift off aboard a Russian rocket on Oct. 30.

Americans' pills cost less money in Europe

'Reimportation bill' may ease the crunch

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mary Lamphear is pinning her hopes on a soon-to-be-enacted law that allows U.S.-made drugs sold cheaper overseas to be brought back to the United States for resale. At 76, she spends hundreds of dollars each month for the 11 medications she needs.

"I sure hope that it does something for us people," Lamphear said. "It seems kind of ridiculous that we have to go to Canada to buy medication."

Lamphear, who lives in Johnson, Vt., is among scores of older Americans who have headed across the border by the busload to buy cheaper medicines. A drug she takes to lower cholesterol, Zocor, is just \$60 for a month's supply in Canada. At home she pays \$101. This week, she went to her local drug store and learned that the price of one of her drugs had risen \$1.24 for a 30-day supply.

"I feel kind of peeved off," Lamphear said. "How come ... I'm paying more every time I get a prescription filled?"

Congress has advertised its "reimportation bill" as a way to ease the prescription price crunch. The legislation also offers election-year cover for lawmakers unable to agree on a prescription drug benefit for older people.

The measure has moved toward final passage in the Senate this week — and President Clinton's promised approval, despite reservations — many involved are unsure how, or whether, it will work.

"You just have to wonder who even thought this up," said Ronald Streck, president of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association.

As of now, the measure has cleared the Senate and is awaiting final approval in the House. The measure would allow drug wholesalers to import prescription drugs from Canada and other countries.

It's a piece of legislation that allows the American government to push its problems onto other countries without looking at the impact it may have in those other countries," said Noelle-Dominique Willems, spokeswoman for the Canadian Pharmacists Association.

Advocates push exploration of Pluto

Los Angeles Times

Advocates of the tiny planet Pluto now have a new mission: getting NASA to restore a suspended trip to the smallest and most distant member of the solar system — the only one that remains unexplored.

Citing ballooning costs for space missions, NASA officials ordered an immediate work stoppage late last month on the Pluto-Kuiper Express mission being planned at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

Originally scheduled to be launched in 2004 and to reach the icy planet by 2012, a space

'Pluto is the only planet in our solar system that has not been explored.'

— Louis Friedman
Director of the Planetary Society

craft is now not expected to reach Pluto until 2020 — a date some scientists say will be too late to probe the planet's vanishing atmosphere.

But that decision is stirring up something of a public revolt. In just two weeks, the Planetary Society, a Pasadena-based group of space exploration enthusiasts, has received 10,000

letters protesting the suspension of the mission. And a Web petition created by a Pennsylvania teen-ager has received hundreds of signatures in just days.

"Pluto is the only planet in our solar system that has not been explored," said Louis Friedman, executive director of the Planetary Society.

"We ought to finish the job we started in 1960."

Though studied extensively from Earth, Pluto remains mysterious. It hasn't even been photographed clearly. An image by the world's best space telescope, the Hubble, reveals only faint blurs of dark and light on the

surface of the planet, which is usually the farthest from the sun.

"A lot of Americans have a lot of faith in the space program. It really lets people down when they cancel missions," said Ted Nichols II, a 17-year-old high school senior and amateur astronomer from near Harrisburg, Pa., who created the <http://www.plutomission.com> Web site.

Those signing on to the petition site come from all over this planet. "Vamos a Pluto!!!," reads a note from Argentina. "I want to be alive when the information comes back," pleads a woman from Albuquerque, N.M.

World War II women workers gain memorial

RICHMOND, Calif. (AP) — Phyllis Gould rarely thinks of the years she spent welding troop ship decks in the shipyards of San Francisco Bay. Fifty-five years have passed since then, decades of marriage, divorce, child rearing and the myriad distractions of home life.

But a whiff of the hot breath of melting metal and, suddenly, it's all right there — the frightening, exciting days of waging war with a blowtorch.

"It just zaps me back. I can see and hear everything," she says.

On Saturday, Gould and millions of other World War II women workers will be honored with the dedication of a Rose the Riveter memorial in Richmond, the shoreline city that launched many of the ships that kept American sailors afloat.

The memorial, at 441 feet the length of the Liberty ships the women helped build, includes a walk with a timeline of facts and memories from women workers.

Congress has approved the site, now a city park honoring women's war work, as a national historic park. The legislation awaits



Marian Souza, a World War II draftsman, stands beside a stamp of Rose the Riveter on Thursday in Richmond, Calif.

President Clinton's signature.

"We never expected to be recognized," said Gould's sister, Marian Souza, a World War II draftsman. "Everybody worked. They did what they could."

Gould was the first in her family to find war work. When her husband and his friends announced they were going to learn welding to get jobs building ships, "I piped up, 'Me, too!'"

She studied from 4 a.m. to 8 a.m., but failed her first few job interviews in 1942 — running into the brick wall of the boilermaker's union man who flatly told her, "No women and no blacks."

The third time she was turned down, "I started crying."

As I walked back to the room, there was a man sitting at the desk and he said, "What's wrong?" and I told him and he said, "Go back up there," and I did and I got a job."

Gould called on her embroidery skills to get the welds placed just so, working her way up to \$1.20 an hour — "Oh boy, yeah, it was money."

The work was hot and dirty, but Gould had her little vanities.

Behind her heavy mask her lips were lipstick.

Her hair was tied up in a kerchief, but she made sure her bandanna matched the color of the shirt collar poking from beneath her sweatshirt.

Gould did run into problems with one co-worker, a would-be "ladies man" who made the mistake of shining a flashlight on her blushing face.

She snatched the light, knocking the supervisor's shiny hard hat off his head. He lunged back, crumpling her welding mask below her ears.

Dining in Style!

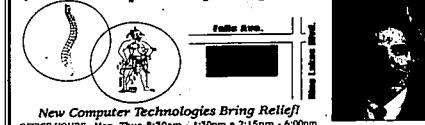
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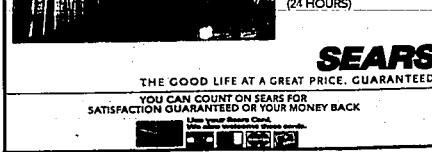
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Bush campaign develops Teflon image

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - At 6 a.m. on Oct. 4, Bush campaign spokesman Ari Fleischer called a producer in the "Good Morning America" control room to push the notion that Vice President Gore had made an important blunder in the previous night's debate.

An hour later, producer Charles Gibson was calling Gore in Florida and "are already indicating that they're going to go after you today" - questioning whether you actually went with James Lee Witt down to Texas to go to those fires and floods." Gore had to concede he "got that wrong" in saying that the federal disaster chief had accompanied him, and questions about his tendency to exaggerate dominated the news for a week.

After Wednesday's second



Texas Governor George W. Bush

debate, when Bush made some arguably more serious mistakes, Gore campaign chairman William Daley challenged the media to hold a "media day" to hold Gore to the same standard as his man. But while Bush's

statements on a death penalty case in Texas and the former prime minister of Russia were widely reported, they did not mushroom into the kind of front-page controversy that keeps a candidate on the defensive.

"There would appear to be something of a double standard,"

a Gore campaign official said.

That may overstate the case, but the candidates' personal histories and sharply differing strategies have made the vice president more vulnerable to charges of stretching the truth. Gore's knack for inserting himself into overblown anecdotes has also made his statements easier to ridicule. And the media have played an important role, fostering images of each man that play up questions about Gore's veracity, while casting Bush's intelligence as his Achilles' heel.

Bush planted the seeds of his strategy in March, suggesting in an interview that the vice president had "a major credibility problem" and vowing that "I'm going to keep the pressure on... If I'm not, who will?" In daily assaults on Gore's honesty during

the spring and summer, Bush often charged that Gore will "say anything to get elected." His staff regularly sends the press e-mail messages headlined: "The Gore Detector: A Regular Report on Al Gore's Adventures With the Truth."

"P.R. 101 is define your opponent before he tries to define himself," said GOP consultant Greg Mueller. "The Bush campaign has been a great success at that, and Gore is his own worst enemy. Every time Gore tries to humanize his campaign with an example, it turns into a fairy tale."

spring, authorities said.

"I'm sure detectives will look into all possibilities that would lead them to... the missing statue," Officer Guillermo Campos said Saturday.

Police arrest man in Oscar theft case

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Police continued their hunt for three missing Oscars on Saturday after arresting the brother of a salvage man credited with finding 52 of the 55 stolen statuettes last

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As it nears adjournment, Congress begins to roll out the pork barrel

By Peter Nicholas
and Jackie Kozickuk
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - As this year's congressional session grinds toward a close, the once grand proposals to cut taxes, raise wages or improve health care are dead or bogged down.

Instead, Congress is busy approving whopping amounts of new spending, dumping money into projects that, in many cases, are important only to special interests, small communities and narrow constituencies.

There's \$400,000 set aside for water taxis running to a small island near Savannah, Ga., that is already accessible by bridge.

And \$2 million for the University of Nevada at Las Vegas to research a system where airline passengers check their luggage directly from the hotel.

And half a million dollars to expand a fine ladies museum in Canton, Ohio, where docents dress up as Florence Harding, Ida McKinley, Caroline Harrison and other wives of U.S. presidents. And \$7 million for an experimental program to burn Midwestern switchgrass to make electricity in Iowa.

Proponents defend these projects, citing benefits ranging from improvements in the nation's infrastructure to promotion of the "social contributions" of the

nation's first ladies.

But some lawmakers and watchdog groups have another word for such spending: Pork. And they contend that the 106th Congress has seen lots of it.

A rare confluence of big budget surpluses and election-year politics has driven spending to new levels.

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critical of the White House's spending habits than Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas, the

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With no deficit to serve as a natural brake, members are spending in ways that Republicans Sen. John McCain of Arizona described as "shameful."

While Republicans in both houses have often complained of Bill Clinton's lack of fiscal discipline, their own spending practices in this session belie the image of the GOP as the party of fiscal restraint.

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From his seat on the Appropriations Committee this year, DeLay secured \$3 million for a highway project and \$14.5 million for airports back home. The latter sum included \$12 million for improved air traffic control at Houston's airport; \$2 million for a runway at Sugar Land, population 47,000, and another \$500,000 for the Brazoria County Airport to keep it "fast, modern and safe," according to a DeLay press release.

In a floor statement earlier this month, McCain told his colleagues that members of spending committees "have employed every sidestepping method in the book to circumvent Senate rules and common sense principles that are supposed to strictly guide the appropriations process."

The excessive fodder and trickery have never been greater, resulting in the shameless waste of millions of taxpayer dollars.

If Congress continues spending at this clip, it will bust the federal budget by tens of billions of dollars, analysts say.

When they finish their work this week, Republicans will have probably spent at least \$660 billion for discretionary programs, which are those items not specifically mandated by law such as Social Security and Medicare payments.

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MAGIC VALLEY



About sage grouse

Centrocercus urophasianus

Size: Males, up to eight pounds.

Females three to four pounds.

Longevity: Six to eight years.

Mating habits: They gather at strutting grounds - called a lek - in the spring. Males perform a mating dance. At a small lek one male would dominate, at larger leks several males may be dominant.

Nesting: About 80 percent of mature females nest - about half are successful. Nesting females lay six to eight eggs. Females rarely nest if eggs are destroyed or eaten.

Survival: In the past, three or four chicks reached adulthood. Today, two or more survive in a good year. "Once they hit September, if they aren't shot by a hunter, they have a good chance of making to their first breeding season," Jack Connolly of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Habitat: Survival depends on habitat quality, and habitat needs change with the seasons.

• Winter: Sage grouse feed almost exclusively on sagebrush leaves and buds. If adequate big sagebrush is available for food and cover, severe weather seldom affects sage grouse.

• Spring: Sage grouse, with an understory of grasses and flowering plants, provides nesting and early brood rearing habitat. The vegetation in the understory provides cover that can reduce nest predation. The young are vulnerable to wet, cold weather.

• Summer: Wet meadows, riparian areas, alfalfa fields and other moist areas provide important range.

• Fall: A flock's home range can vary

from a few miles to more than 50 miles. Winter range may not be near leks, nesting or brood rearing habitat.

In general, sage grouse require habitat with 15 to 25 percent sagebrush cover with understory of grasses and flowering plants.

Diet: Sage grouse eat sagebrush leaves and buds - they often gain weight in the winter, unlike most other species.

In spring, summer and fall they also eat flower heads and leaves, and a high-protein diet of insects is necessary for chick survival. Sage grouse get most of their water from vegetation. They may feed on different kinds of sagebrush during different times of the year. They appear to select sagebrush for their protein content.

Range: The bird is declining across its present range in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, California and the Dakotas. It was once found also in Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and British Columbia.

Hunting: In some parts of southern Idaho, including the Magic Valley, the sage grouse season is one week in September. In other parts of southern Idaho the season is three weeks in September and early October. The northern part of the state and an area on the Snake River Plain centered on Butte County are closed to hunting.

Sage grouse are hunted in nine Western states.

Source: Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Grouse

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uncertain, but could be far-reaching. So agencies, and groups such as Rogerson's, are trying to head off a listing before it happens.

Fighting fire

Rogerson's group is one of several working in southern Idaho to try to improve the lot of the distinctive bird - the size of a small turkey. The reason for the bird's decline is easy to see.

"We've burned up a lot of our sagebrush," said Stu Murrell, retired Fish and Game spokesman in Jerome.

Natural wildfires, human-caused residential fires and intentional fires set by land managers and ranchers to improve livestock forage on rangelands have burned up wide stretches of sagebrush.

Sage grouse grew up with the wide open sagebrush grasslands that cover much of the West. They depend on large expanses made up of 15 to 25 percent sagebrush cover with an understory of grasses and small flowering plants.

They need open areas for nesting habitat for their distinctive markings. In the winter, they depend on big sagebrush for food and cover, and in the summer chicks depend on insects to supplement their diet.

A long-term decline that began in the 1950s turned precipitous in the early to mid-1980s, with a long dry spell and a series of large wildfires, Connolly said.

Since the 1950s the birds have declined by up to 80 percent in some areas.

The eradication of sagebrush began with the first settlers who cleared land for irrigated farms. Since then, fires, herbicides and bulldozers have further reduced sagebrush.

About 400,000 acres of sagebrush have burned in the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, a federal nuclear research site in eastern Idaho.

In the BLM's 1.5-million-acre Jarbidge region, about 100,000 acres of Salmon Falls Creek fire rehabilitation area have transformed more than 700,000 acres of sagebrush to crested wheatgrass seedlings. The imported grass has been seeded in burned areas because it can outcompete cheatgrass and other invasive weeds, but it does little

for sage grouse.

Another 45,000 acres of sagebrush burned in the area this summer, said Jim Klott, biologist in the BLM's Twin Falls office.

It's not just fire, but its frequency, Connolly said. It can take up to 30 years for sagebrush stand to recover after a fire.

And more people means more chances for people-caused fires. The increase of cheatgrass on rangeland also contributes. Cheatgrass matures early, burns readily and makes for more frequent fires.

"The best thing we can do is give Mother Nature a hand, and keep the exotic out," Connolly said.

Though fire remains the biggest threat to sage grouse, in some areas the population is dropping without any visible habitat degradation. The chicks just aren't surviving, but Connolly isn't sure why.

One possible factor is the development of roads, fences and utility corridors. Development such as the proposed Arco-to-Mindanao Road might not seem like much, but the cumulative effect breaks habitat into unconnected pieces.

"You may have areas that look great, but it's the stuff in between," Connolly said.

Helping the habitat

There are two ways to halt the decline, he said. Protect what's left, and fix what's broken.

At that's where Rogerson's sage grouse working group and others like it come in. The Shoshone Basin group was started in 1996, and others followed with Fish and Game's 1997 sage grouse plan.

Three groups are active in the Magic Valley, with others in Owyhee County, Oneida and Power counties and Idaho Falls. The groups include ranchers, sportsmen, environmentalists, state and federal officials and anyone else interested.

The Shoshone Basin group's management plan splits the Horseshoe Creek Altogether into six pastures, with a different pasture rested each year. The lightest use is on the private lands managed for sage grouse habitat, and the heavier use is on crested wheat seedings managed for cattle.

Ranchers, with the BLM's help, have fenced off sensitive riparian

areas, including Horse Creek Reservoir.

"We've got a very fine piece of sage grouse habitat protected," said Randy Smith, regional wildlife manager for Fish and Game's Jerome office.

But it took time just to gain trust among group members, Rogerson said. The group has been meeting regularly for 4 1/2 years.

Rogerson has been running cattle in the Shoshone Basin for 15 or 16 years, and this year was the first time he'd had to deal with fire. The person he grazed appears to have survived, but much of the sagebrush is gone - he knows the grass will come back better, but the sagebrush will take a long time.

He is not sure just what that means for the group's efforts. But the group plans to reseed the burned areas with sagebrush.

"How many ranchers like the idea of planting sagebrush?" Rogerson said.

To the west the Jarbidge Sage Grouse Working Group was started about 1 1/2 years ago by ranchers also concerned about the continuing loss of sage grouse habitat, Klotz said.

Efforts to reintroduce sagebrush in the vast seedlings of the Jarbidge Area are a start, but it's not enough. To reestablish sage grouse habitat the area also needs native grasses and small flowering plants, he said.

And seed is hard to get - some of it costs \$8 to \$10 per pound.

The group has set aside a fair-share chunk - 800,000 acres, Klotz said.

"The bulk of that we think we have a chance to do something with," he said.

Group also is considering restoring wet meadows and asking for halt to hunting and for predators to help bring the birds back. The effort also includes changes in grazing management to rest sage grouse breeding areas in the spring, and looking for ways to accomplish the changes without reducing cattle numbers.

More sagebrush means less grass, Klotz said.

But in some parts of the Jarbidge Area, there is lots of forage left at the end of the season. Most years, the BLM grants additional grazing to take advantage

of the additional forage.

The working groups need political and public support if they're going to work, said Kent Christopher of the North American Grouse Partnership Inc.

The recently formed nationwide group is a clearinghouse for information on all grouse issues. The group aims to generate the support needed to get federal, state and local land managers and private land owners working together across jurisdictional boundaries.

The decline of sage grouse is indicative of the state of the high desert ecosystem - half to two-thirds already is gone and the rest is seriously degraded, Christopher said. It's the biggest environmental problem in North America, he says - bigger even than high-profile wildlife issues, such as spotted owl or salmon.



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PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

October 25 - The Community School, Sun Valley

October 26 - Wood River High School, Hailey

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) are beginning the environmental studies for Highway 75 from the Timmerman Junction to Ketchum. Ongoing concern in this corridor has led ITD and FHWA to commit to preparation of a comprehensive environmental analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act.

ITD has retained the services of Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, Inc. (PB) from their Salt Lake City, Utah office to head this effort. PB is a national transportation planning and engineering firm with offices throughout the United States (see website at pbworld.com). Assisting PB will be Landmark Design Inc., a community planning, landscape architecture and public outreach firm based in Salt Lake City. Shapiro & Associates Environmental will conduct the natural resource studies needed under the NEPA process. Staff from their Boise office will lead this effort.

The NEPA process will involve several phases over the next 18 to 24 months:

- **Public and Agency Scoping:** Identification of community and regulatory agency issues and concerns.
- **Purpose and Need:** definition of the need for and purpose of any transportation improvements that might be considered.
- **Definition of Alternatives:** identification of alternative ways to meet the purpose and need.
- **Impact Analysis:** analysis of the impacts of the alternatives on natural resources, manmade resources and the communities in the Wood River Valley.
- **Environmental Document:** preparation of the comprehensive environmental document.
- **Public Hearing:** public review of the NEPA document and public hearing.

Throughout this period of time, FHWA, ITD and PB will develop a number of technical studies and work with the communities in a variety of ways. The process begins, however, with public and agency scoping meetings to provide interested parties with the opportunity to help identify issues and concerns.

To provide opportunities for as many people as possible to participate in the meetings, FHWA, ITD and PB will be sponsoring two sets of public meetings. The goal of these meetings is to identify the issues and concerns within the Wood River Valley so that they can be addressed through the environmental process. To facilitate this process, the meeting agenda will begin with a brief introduction by the PB staff, followed by breakout sessions. Attendees will be asked to break into groups each with a facilitator and recorder. PB staff will record all comments on flip charts; these comments will be shared with all participants through a subsequent mailing.

These meetings will be held as follows:

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7:00 to 9:00pm
Thursday, October 26, 2000
Wood River High School
1050 Fox Acres Road
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FHWA, ITD and PB encourage your participation in any one of these four opportunities. The presentation and format will be the same for each meeting.

For further information, please contact Chuck Carnahan, ITD Project Manager, at 208-866-7800 or Diana Atkins, Parsons Brinckerhoff Project Manager at 801-262-3735 or via email at atkins@pbworld.com

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Hispanic priorities are national ones

Knight Ridder News Service

Like many Americans, the nation's Hispanic voters worry about education and health care, but they are far more likely to worry about crime than most of the country. And despite their immigrant past, they favor tough border policies but have little interest in foreign affairs.

Such are the findings of a comprehensive Knight Ridder Newspapers poll of Hispanic voters. The data offer an in-depth look at a segment of the population that is growing throughout the country and becoming a major political force that can swing the Republican and Democratic leanings.

Courted widely during the primaries and in the early days of the general-election contest, Hispanics have since become less of a factor, because states such as California, Texas and New York, which have the nation's largest Hispanic populations, are no longer decisive in this election.

Still, Hispanics could be a factor in which key swing states as Florida, Pennsylvania and Illinois.

While Hispanic voters share many concerns with the rest of the country, their sentiments are more pronounced. Less affluent than the general population, they tend to embrace government solutions to problems and often view the country through the eyes of



Senate candidate Rep. Rick Lazio, R-N.Y., right, and U.S. first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton campaign for the Hispanic vote at the Hispanic Day Parade in New York Sunday.

the afflicted. For instance, they favor government-guaranteed health insurance for all citizens by far larger margins than the rest of the country. They support continuing or expanding affirmative action programs, even though most say they had not experienced discrimination recently. They place gun control far higher on their list of national priorities.

Economically, Hispanics are more likely to live in poverty. They are less likely to have health insurance, though a majority has medical coverage.

The Knight Ridder poll, conducted by International Communications Research of

Media, Pa., consisted of interviews with 2,721 Hispanic likely voters, the largest sample of Latino voters in the election season.

The sample included 611 respondents in California, 600 in Texas, 608 in Florida and 600 in New York, the states with the largest populations of Latino voters. An additional 302 respondents were from New Jersey, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Connecticut. The 12 states include 90 percent of Hispanic registered voters.

The poll, conducted in June, has a margin of error of 1.9 percentage points. International

Communications Research also conducted a national poll of overall voters. That poll of 1,000 likely voters, with a margin of error of 3.1 percentage points, provided data with which to contrast the responses of Hispanic voters.

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2000 ELECTION

Only Hispanic voters were asked:

Are you satisfied with the quality of public school education?

Yes 51%
No 45%

Don't know 4%

Should government spend money to help send students to private or religious schools?

Yes 32%
No 58%

Don't know 11%

Source: Knight Ridder poll by International Communications Research of 2,700 likely voters, June 7-13, 2000. 1.9% error margin.

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Crime, drugs among top Hispanic concerns

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Crime is down nationwide, but Hispanic voters put concerns about crime, drugs and gun control near the top of their list.

A Knight Ridder poll shows that the issue of fighting crime and drugs is second only to improving education for Hispanics, while voters nationwide rank crime and drugs as their third priority. For Hispanics, concern ranks such perennial issues as taxes, the economy and moral values — issues that voters nationwide rank higher than gun control.

And Hispanics, slightly more than voters nationwide, favor strict controls on handguns. More than 80 percent want to require safety courses, trigger locks and handgun licenses.

You have to realize the type of attitude most of them are in," says Henry Salazar, 47, a teacher's assistant in south Chicago, and a longtime Democrat. "Sure, their utmost concern would be crime and guns, because that is what they are going to encounter more often." Eighty-four percent of Hispanic voters ranked controlling crime and drugs among their top priorities, 60 percent ranked gun control a top issue.

Crime and gun control are particular concerns among immigrants and Spanish-speaking voters, as well as low-income and older voters.

"It makes sense. Most of the service calls we get come from neighborhoods with large populations of minorities, whether Hispanic or Asian," said Rubens Dalison, spokesman for the San Jose police department. "In many immigrant and first-generation Americans live in neighborhoods where crime is rising."

No group of Hispanics is more

2000 ELECTION

Only Hispanic voters were asked:

Do you own a handgun?

Yes 16%
No 83%

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concerned about crime than women.

As Martha Estrella explains it, women are forced to deal with the problems surrounding these issues differently from men.

"Depending on the type of relationship they are in, women may fear domestic violence and they may fear their partners," said Estrella, 41, a prenatal and health educator at a Union City health center that caters largely to Hispanics in the San Francisco Bay area.

The idea of regulating handguns is popular among Hispanics, with support strongest among younger voters, voters with higher incomes and those who describe themselves as liberal.

Eighty-nine percent want mandatory safety courses, 82 percent want trigger locks sold with handguns and 80 percent want handgun owners to carry licenses.

Just 16 percent of Hispanics vote, according to the poll. Those who do are less supportive of regulations, but most of them back safety courses, trigger locks and licens-

Poll shows Hispanics favor improved health-care

Knight Ridder News Service

AUSTIN, Texas — Hispanic voters overwhelmingly say that health-care access warrants serious government attention, and Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore gets high marks on that issue from Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush, according to a Fort Worth Star-Telegram/Knight Ridder nationwide poll.

Eighty-one percent of Hispanic voters said that improving access to health care should be a top priority or an important priority. By comparison, less than 2 percent said improving access either shouldn't be a priority or shouldn't even be attempted.

The poll of 2,700 likely Hispanic voters was conducted in both English and Spanish on May 26 and on June 15. It has a margin of error of 1.9 percentage points.

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to health care as a priority.

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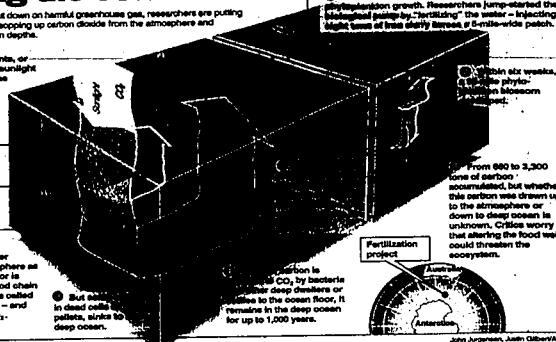
NATION

Sowing the sea with iron

In a new strategy to cut down on harmful greenhouse gas, researchers are putting iron-coated pebbles to work sopping up carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and sending it to the ocean depths.

Small ocean plants, or phytoplankton, use sunlight and nutrients such as iron and nitrogen to grow, sucking carbon dioxide (CO₂) into carbon and oxygen.

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100 meters
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Deep ocean



The research there
refers to the atmosphere as
phytoplankton die or is
passed along the food chain
from animals that eat them
— from krill to fish, to
whales, to seals, to
sea lions — and
released back as CO₂.

But some
pebbles, sinks to
deep ocean.

Nourishing plant life

In the waters off Antarctica, a lack of iron limits phytoplankton growth. Researchers dumped iron-coated pebbles into the water, injecting bright green mats of tiny, shiny bacteria of 0.001-millimeter patch.

From 800 to 2,300
tons of carbon
dioxide, but whether
the carbon dioxide ends up
in the atmosphere or
down to deep ocean is
unknown. Some worry
that adding the food web
could threaten the
ecosystem.

Fertilization project

John Jorgenson, Justin Cullinan

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Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Study targets greenhouse gases

The Associated Press

An experiment off the coast of Antarctica has led support to the notion that scientists could stimulate algae to act like a giant sponge and sop up greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

In the study, reported in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature*, a relatively small amount of iron was pumped into the ocean as fertilizer, sparking algae growth in an otherwise lifeless area.

The algae in turn consumed hundreds of tons of carbon dioxide from the ocean's surface waters. Then, in theory at least, the ocean would draw in atmospheric gases to replenish the carbon dioxide.

The idea is that algae could someday be used to absorb emissions belched from factories, cars and other fossil fuel users, and believed responsible for global warming. When the organisms die, the carbon they contained would fall to the bottom of the sea.

Though the latest studies support parts of the theory, researchers could not determine whether the carbon sinks or returns to the atmosphere. And some fear that manipulating

nutrients in the sea could cause greater damage.

"I don't think it's a feasible solution to global warming," said Edward Abraham, a study author and oceanographer at New Zealand's National Institute for Water and Atmospheric Research.

"Even if you could fertilize the entire Southern Ocean and even if all that carbon sink off the system worked, only a very small fraction of the carbon dioxide that people will pump into the atmosphere over the next 50 years."

Researchers are exploring ways to trap at least some of the 7 billion tons of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases spewed into the atmosphere each year. Some ideas include pumping it underground or piping it to the deep ocean.

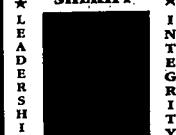
At least three patents have been issued related to ocean fertilization. Researchers have focused on ocean plant life because half of all carbon dioxide-consuming photosynthesis on Earth takes place at sea.

In 1990, oceanographer John Martin suggested a lack of iron limited the growth of phytoplankton in the equatorial Pacific and Southern Oceans. If more iron were added, the popu-

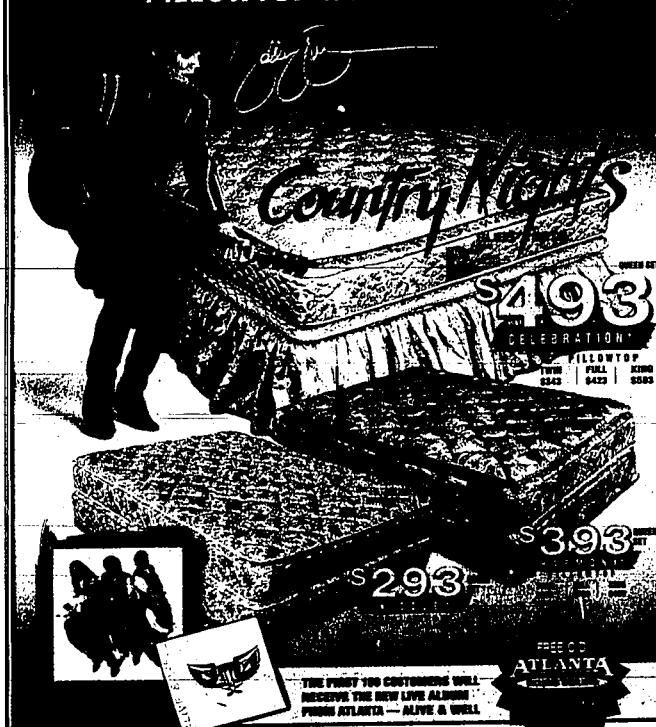
lations might explode and ease global warming.

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NATION



The Dresden Green Diamond is shown on display at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in Washington Thursday. The 41-carat diamond, often considered the 'sister gem' of the Hope Diamond.

Smithsonian displays two famous diamonds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two of the world's most famous diamonds can now be seen together.

The 41-carat Dresden Green diamond went on display Thursday, joining the blue 45-carat Hope diamond at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

It was a long trip to the United States for the stone from the famous Green Vault Museum in Dresden, Germany. It will remain on show until late January.

"It's rare, very rare, that you see two diamonds like this together. In fact it's probably the only time only in history it will happen," said Museum Director Robert Fri.

New York jeweler Ronald Winston arranged the visit of the Dresden Green. Winston's father, Harry, donated the Hope diamond to the museum.

Both stones have brilliant color, became known at about the same time, and were somewhat similar in size and believed to originate in India's Golconda Mines.

While boron included in the Hope stone produces its blue color, the green tone of the Dresden is the result of exposure to natural radiation.

First reports of the Dresden Green occur in London in 1726. It was purchased by Frederick Augustus II, Elector of Saxony and King of Poland, in 1741.

In 1742, Augustus had it mounted in a special badge of the Order of the Golden Fleece, an organization founded in 1429 to encourage virtue and faith among nobility.



The Dresden Green Diamond is modeled by Kyle Box Wednesday in New York.

Six years later King Louis XV of France had a blue gem, believed to be the one now known as the Hope Diamond, set in his own badge of the Order of the Golden Fleece.

In the intervening years, the Hope Diamond has been resold and moved from owner to owner, developing a legend of bad luck along the way.

Not so the Dresden Green. It has spent most of its time in safekeeping at the Konigstein Castle in wartime and the Green Vault in peace. However, it was lost in the Seven Years War. The stone was pawned in Warsaw, Poland, being redeemed in 1764.

World War II bombing destroyed the original Green Vault Museum but the stone was safe in the nearby castle.

After the war it left Saxony — now a state in southeastern Germany — carried off by the Soviet Trophies Commission. It was returned in 1958.

Today, surrounded by 350 white diamonds in a hat ornament, it is kept in the Green Vault section of Dresden's Albertinum Museum.

While it hasn't developed the sinister reputation some attribute to the Hope Diamond, the Dresden Green may not be all that lucky either.

A letter written by Frederick the Great, King of Prussia, recalls an incident when Augustus was asked to supply heavy artillery for a siege and refused due to the scarcity of money, having spent a large sum to buy the green diamond.



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Feds halt Virginia crab catch

SPRINGFIELD, Va. (AP) — The federal government shut down Virginia's horseshoe crab fishery after the state refused to accept a quota to protect the crab from overfishing.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Norman Mineta announced Thursday that the moratorium will take effect Oct. 23.

Earlier this year, the 15-state Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission voted to adopt horseshoe crab quotas. Virginia was the only state to oppose the quotas, which would have required the state to cut its take from 710,000 to 152,495.

Virginia agreed to cut its take, but only to 355,000.

Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources John Paul Woolley requested a delay from the Commerce Department so the commission could consider a proposal at its meeting next week to allow Virginia to swap with other states that don't use their entire quota.

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NATION

For better or worse, the rich are changing a poor Georgia town

GREENSBORO, Ga. (AP) — A decade ago, this was just another poor, rural Southern town, and no one seemed to care much about the broken-down tractors and the junk along the side of the road. Then the "lake people" moved in.

Lured by the beauty of Lake Lanier, they built enormous homes, drove stylish new cars and ate fancy foods from supermarkets the size of airports.

They were the envy of the property taxes in Greene County, which used to be one of Georgia's poorest and least populated.

Some old-timers say the well-to-do newcomers are robbing the town of its rural character, trying to pretty it up with restrictive new zoning rules and turning the community into just another place with too much traffic, shopping centers and residents who don't really know each other.

"It was a rural area when they came down here," said Andrew Boswell, Greensboro's mayor and dairy farmer. "Well, if they came because it's a rural area,



Farmer L.G. Boswell says he doesn't mind newcomers if they don't meddle with those who choose a more rustic lifestyle. That's what they ought to expect." The 19,000-acre lake, Georgia's

second-largest, was built 21 years ago by Georgia Power. In recent

years, it has led to a real estate boom, with million-dollar homes in

three subdivisions and a new \$82 million Ritz-Carlton resort scheduled to open next year next to an 18-hole golf course.

New roads and utilities are planned to handle the mix of out-of-state retirees, people with second homes and commuters with jobs in Atlanta and Augusta, each 75 miles away. There are 14,000 residents in the county, some 2,300 more than a decade ago.

Mary and Don Bradford moved to the lake from suburban Atlanta in 1998 to escape the heat, sprawl and crime. A flight of Delta Air Lines, Bradford has to commute to work only a few times a month.

The county stands to benefit enormously from the influx of wealth, Mary Bradford said, even if officials are struggling to achieve a balance between tradition and development.

"They don't know what to do with us either," she said of county leaders. "They were just a little town and now all of this is happening."

Longtime residents have dubbed themselves "Leave people" for their resistance to change — unsuccessfully fought recent zoning

changes that restrict satellite dishes in front yards and require fences around junkyards. The new rules also require tractors and other equipment to be behind buildings, not beside the road.

The "cave people" say county commissioners are coddling the newcomers.

"That's part of making it look like Hilton Head," said L.G. "Rooster" Boswell, the mayor's brother, who has lived in the county for all of his 59 years.

"They don't want to see poverty." Many longtime residents make their living on dairy and hog farms or work at small-scale manufacturing plants. Others commute to jobs around bigger towns such as Athens, Augusta and the eastern suburbs of Atlanta.

County leaders are eager for an economic boost in an area where the per capita income is less than \$20,000, and nearly a quarter of the population lives below the poverty line. The Ritz-Carlton alone is expected to contribute a third of the county's new revenue and bring 400 to 450 jobs.

Family seeks to reveal sex offenders

OLTON, Okla. (AP) — Kristi Blevins' impish smile greets every customer at the grocery store across the street from the abandoned home where she lived.

The 7-year-old beans from a wallet-sized photograph taped to petition at two registers. She smiles too at people getting fill-ups at gas stations down the road. Even in a grocery store in the next county, Kristi's wide-eyed grin stops customers who add their names to a growing list of signatures under her photo.

Since early this month, Rhonda Blevins has counted more than 2,000 signatures on petitions backing a law she thinks could have saved her youngest child.

Blevins wants juvenile sex offenders included in an Oklahoma law that alerts the public to adult sex offenders in their midst. On a rented computer and the \$50 printer she bought last week, she has cranked out more than 1,000 petitions and taped a photo of Kristi to each one.

"The kids come home, mom's sitting there working petitions. They go to bed, I'm working on petitions. If I didn't," says a 34-year-old mother of three other children, "I would probably be crying all the time."

On Aug. 19, she and her husband discovered that Kristi and a 12-year-old friend, who had been playing outside, were missing from their Olton home.

Searchers found the two in an abandoned home. The 12-year-old had been raped. Kristi had been strangled. With them, police found Robert Rotramel, a

19-year-old with a juvenile record of detention for forcible sodomy.

State lawmakers say Blevins' petitions won't be the determining factor if juvenile violators are added to the state's Sex Offenders Registration Act.

Rep. Larry Ferguson said House staff members have already begun to investigate such laws in other states and that legislation to change Oklahoma's law likely will be introduced. But the petitions add impetus to that effort, he said.

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WORLD



Zoran Andjelkovic, ally of the ousted Yugoslav strongman Slobodan Milosevic, address the media after talks with pro-democracy negotiators on a transitional government in Belgrade early Saturday.

Yugoslav strongman still plots a comeback

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Ousted strongman Slobodan Milosevic is still plotting a comeback despite losing control over much of his security forces and even parts of his own political movement to pro-democracy and foreign officials say.

More than a week after Vojislav Kostunica took office as president, Milosevic and his wife, Mirkana Markovic, remain holed up in a government villa in Belgrade's Dedinje district, consulting their remaining loyalists within the secret service, the army and police, the officials say.

A senior Socialist Party official, Nikola Stojanovic, told reporters Friday that Milosevic is still in Belgrade "and we are in daily contact," meaning the former president still wields considerable influence within his political movement.

No move has been made by the new government to arrest Milosevic, despite his indictment by the U.N. war crimes tribunal and allegations of extensive corruption at home.

"Milosevic is desperately trying to stabilize his position, including very high activity," said Dusan Mihaljevic, the former president's ally now turned political foe. "He is trying to create obstruction, chaos and anarchy."

Analysts believe Milosevic is hoping to find a way to use remain-

ing loyal security troops to arrest political opponents or seize facilities of the state-run broadcast media that he lost during the popular uprising against his autocratic rule.

"Milosevic is pulling the strings from behind the scene, consulting his generals, trying to create havoc," prominent analyst Bratislav Grubacic said.

"He hopes that instead of foreign aid, the country will plunge into darkness and hunger with no functioning government, and then people would turn again to a democratic and 'beg' for his return." A key pro-democracy leader, Zoran Djindjic, agreed with that assessment. "Milosevic must be isolated from any politics," Djindjic said.

It remains unclear whether the new government can really sideline Milosevic as long as he is allowed to remain relatively free from the country.

Grubacic said the government should arrest Milosevic and, if it won't turn him over to the U.N. tribunal, put him on trial in a Yugoslav court for corruption and other charges stemming from his 13 years in power.

"If he remains in Serbia, the infection, the diseases, the malevolence of Milosevic must never be underestimated, nor should his capacity to be able to make mischief," said Paddy Ashdown.

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Heading into summit, Palestinian fury mounts

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — Quranic verses wafted from the minaret, black-hooded gunmen fired their AK-47's into the air — and the crowd of mourners at the funeral for a young Palestinian man slain by Israeli troops roared approval when the eulogy became a cry for vengeance.

After 200 funerals already held in the West Bank and Gaza Strip — and scores of Palestinian funerals like this one in the West Bank town of Hebron — the question is not so much whether Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's call for an end to the violence, but whether his people will pay any heed if he does.

Israeli officials call it "riding the tiger" — bitter shorthand for their contention that Arafat has unleashed forces he may now be unable to control.

As the Palestinian leader heads into Monday's summit with President Clinton and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak in the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh, many on both sides wonder whether Arafat's call for peace will simply be too late.

"I don't think Arafat can rein things in to the extent needed in order to continue the peace process," said Ami Ayalon, the former head of Israel's domestic Shin Bet security service.

"The uprising has gathered its own momentum — it's not easy for Arafat to take the decision to stop it," said Palestinian political analyst Ziad Abu Aam.

At Saturday's funeral in Hebron for 22-year-old Monsour Sid Ahmed, fatally shot a day earlier in a clash that raged in the narrow streets of the city center between Palestinian rioters and Israeli troops, the dead man's uncle delivered a fiery eulogy promising he would not go unavenged.

"This martyr gave his blood for Jerusalem," he cried out. "The mother and children and wife of the murderers should be very afraid. Our path is jihad to expel the occupier."

Many of the young mourners — fired up and chanting "Allahu akbar! (God is great)" — hurried straight from the cemetery to the city center to face off with Israeli troops yet again.

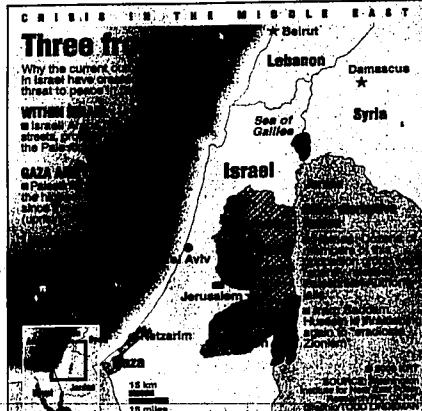
But it is not only young hot-heads who are eager to continue the battle. Mother Yousaf Sharif, a soft-spoken 40-year-old office manager, took his head when asked whether Arafat could clamp a lid on the clashes, as he has often proved able to do in the past.

"It makes no difference now what Arafat says," said Sharif. "If the enemy keeps killing us, we will surely strike back. We must strike back."

The carnage of the past 17 days has left the Palestinian leader in a quandary. As long as he is seen as standing in solidari-



Fatah gunman Majed Al Bazzaz, 26, teaches two of his eight children how to fire an M-16 as part of a training course offered in the outskirts of the Palestinian refugee camp of Balata near the West Bank town of Nablus Saturday.



ty with his people in the fight against Israel, his popularity soars. But if he appears to back down from confrontation in the face of U.S. and Israeli pressure, that public support could evaporate, with hard-liners like the radical Islamic group Hamas becoming the political beneficiaries.

So far, Arafat has been careful not to give any suggestion he is prepared to yield. On Thursday night, after Israeli combat helicopters destroyed Palestinian targets including his own residential compound, the Palestinian leader toured a Gaza hospital to visit the injured.

people...don't hesitate to continue their march to Jerusalem, their capital of the Palestinian independent state," he said defiantly while touring areas targeted in the rocket strikes.

Still an open question is when Arafat will declare Palestinian statehood — something Israel has warned him not to do unilaterally, but as part of an overall peace treaty. Abu Aam, the political analyst, said if the peace process collapses, Arafat may have no choice but to move ahead.

"I think if the intifada continues, escalates, and there is no point in going back to negotiations, or if the negotiations reach a dead end, or if the peace process collapses — all these are likely circumstances for him to declare the state," he said.

In the meantime, it's a tricky balancing act for Arafat. He has taken steps to appease Hamas, which vehemently opposes any peace accord with Israel. Hamas last week participated for the first time in a Palestinian Cabinet meeting, and scores of prisoners from the radical Islamic movement were freed from Palestinian jails. About 14 were back in jail in the West Bank town of Nablus by Saturday.

In a gesture of unity, Hamas and Arafat's Fatah faction now march together at rallies, some



Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat at the Gaza hospital Thursday, for a visit to Palestinians wounded during recent clashes with Israeli forces in the Gaza Strip.

thing that was unusual in the past. At Sid Arafat's first Saturday rally, he held up first a Palestinian flag and then a Hamas banner, and both Palestinian and Hamas flags fluttered in the crowd of hundreds.

Even on Saturday, the day the summit was announced, Arafat appeared determined to avoid being outdone by more radical elements.

Arafat declared it was forming a militia in Hebron and 2,000 men — including teenagers and old men — turned out after a televised appeal for recruits. They were divided into groups of 100 for basic military drills. Out on the main street, their training began immediately.

Saudi plane hostages free after hijack

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Hijackers who commanded a Saudi plane and took it to Baghdad were released late Saturday, Iraqi state television said, after giving a daring order for 105 people on board when the attackers seized the plane over the Mediterranean Sea. Details on how the hijacking was resolved were not immediately available, but state television said all the passengers were safe and would be taken to a Baghdad hotel. The hijackers were asked for political asylum, the television reported.

The Boeing 777 had landed at Baghdad's international airport about 8 p.m. local time, the official Iraqi News Agency reported.

Speaking before the release, an Iraqi official in military uniform said the hijackers, who appeared to number four, said they seized the plane because they were upset over an investigation into the human rights situation in Saudi Arabia that was too favorable to the government.

The official said they ordered Saudi Arabian Airlines Flight 11S to fly to Baghdad because Iraq rejects "U.S. hegemony," said the official, who was shown speaking on state television but not identified. Security at the Baghdad airport was tight, with guards turning away journalists. Ambulances, buses, a fire engine and a fuel tanker went into the airport as reporters watched.

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Bombing suspects linked to U.S.-backed soldiers

ADEN, Yemen (AP) — The Islamic militant movements under suspicion in the bombing of the USS Cole can be traced to the U.S.-backed fighters who battled the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan in the 1980s.

Their lineage — from a Cold War battleground to the current Middle East tensions reaching even remote Yemen — offers a synopsis of the ever-shifting alliances in the region and the political upheavals that nourish radical Muslim cells.

And always in the background is the figure of a Yemen-born construction tycoon: Osama bin Laden, who is accused of organizing attacks including the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania that killed 224 people.

So far, there has been no believable claim of responsibility for the bombing of the Cole, which killed 17 sailors. The U.S. administration believes the blast was the work of suicide bombers in a small, explosives-packed boat.

At one time, bin Laden was part of the U.S.-aided militia factions organized after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979. Using his family background and the promise of steady pay, bin Laden recruited thousands of Yemeni mercenaries. Some became part of his inner circle.

After the Soviet withdrawal, the Yemeni veterans returned home emboldened by Islamic crusade. Their influence was soon felt in the clan-dominated political structure of then North

Yemen — the sister state of the strongly Marxist People's Democratic Republic of Yemen in the south.

Their guerrilla experience also gave them an important role in the power struggle with southern Yemen following unification in 1990. The defeat of the Marxist forces solidified the control of President Ali Abdullah Saleh, a former military commander who relied on the former "mujahedeen," or holy warriors.

But the end of civil conflict brought another battle for the Afghanistan veterans — this time against the symbols of Western and secular practices across the once-communist south.

In Aden, the former South Yemen capital, offices of the former communist party were razed and schools were forced to adopt a fundamentalist curriculum. People considered loyal to the old regime were jailed or harassed. A beer factory was destroyed and alcohol was banned, although now the controls have loosened.

The southerners, however, resisted the edicts. To prevent another civil uprising, the government began to turn against the same militiamen who helped it consolidate control over the rugged country of about 16 million people.

In some cases, it persuaded fundamentalists to compromise. One member of bin Laden's Afghan group, Tariq Alfadil, joined the president's council of advisers.

Flooding hits Vietnamese families hard

The Associated Press

CAO LANH, Vietnam (AP) — She recounts it numbly: Nguyen Thi Hop's one-room hut had filled chest-high with water, so she went to get tree trunks to build a bridge to the road. She called her 16-year-old daughter, who was nursing the baby, to come help for a moment.

When Hop ran back into the house, the baby had disappeared — fallen into the murky water beneath the raised wooden bed.

"I don't know why I wasn't more careful," said Hop, 39, weeping as she recalled the death of her 1-year-old daughter, Bui Thi Diem. "Normally I watch over her with special care. I don't know why I didn't that day."

The tragedy has been repeated over and over in Vietnam's Mekong Delta, hit by the worst flooding in four decades. An astounding 75 percent of the fatalities — 236 of 319 so far — have been children, most under age 3.

"The situation is tragic — the more so because there is very little we can do to help," said U.N. Children's Fund spokesman Damien Personnel.

Heavy monsoon rains in July triggered massive flooding along the Mekong River, which flows through Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam. An estimated 6.5 million people have been affected, especially in the southern delta regions of Cambodia and Vietnam.

In Vietnam, 45,000 families have been displaced, many to cramped makeshift shelters atop crumbling earth dikes or along



Nguyen Thi Hop, 39, weeps Saturday by her makeshift shelter as she talks about the death of her 1-year-old daughter, Bui Thi Diem, who died in their flooded home in Cao Lanh in Vietnam's Dong Thap province in the Mekong Delta.

side highways. Others have remained in their flooded homes, their possessions stacked on bamboo platforms inches above the water.

In the worst-hit provinces of Dong Thap, An Giang and Long An, acres of lush rice paddies have been swallowed by muddy brown waters that have swamped low-lying rural roads. Water levels have peaked but won't recede until mid-November — if heavy storms stay away in the mean-

time.

Forty percent of the child deaths have been in Dong Thap, where about 95 percent of the province is under water, said Dang Ngoc Loi, director of the local disaster coordination center.

In most cases, parents were forced to leave home to find work, firewood or food, leaving children unattended, Loi said. Some young children also have rolled off their beds into the

water at night. "We've tried to spread information through TV and radio, warning parents to be more careful," Loi said.

But, he conceded, most parents have little choice but to leave to find work elsewhere.

In the provincial capital of Cao Lanh, about 100 miles west of Ho Chi Minh City, where most families raise rice or fruit trees, all the city's seven flood casualties were children.

Officials fear virus caused African deaths

The Washington Post

GULU, Uganda — At least 30 people in this northern Uganda town have died in recent weeks of a hemorrhagic fever that authorities fear may be caused by the Ebola or Marburg virus.

Blood samples from victims of the outbreak, which has produced telltale bleeding from every bodily orifice in many patients here, are being flown to high-security laboratories in South Africa and at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

Medical investigators who rushed here this week said tests may identify the fever's cause by early next week, and said several elements of the outbreak suggest a filovirus such as Ebola, including the infection of medical personnel.

Three of the 10 people who died of the virus since Sept. 30 in one Gulu hospital were nursing students who presumably contracted the disease by caring for infected patients.

Uganda health officials said at least 20 others have perished with similar symptoms at a second hospital or at home.

In one cluster of huts not far from the center of town, eight people have died since Sept. 20.

"Now we are fearing," said Jessica Ochire, who cared for a neighbor who later died.

Officials from the Uganda Ministry of Health and World Health Organization told residents to avoid direct contact with the ill and to rush them to local hospitals, where local doctors have done their best to establish isolation wards.

"We wish that somebody who knows exactly what to do will come and help us," said David Matthew Lukwya, a medical superintendent of the 500-bed St. Mary's Hospital Lacor, where the nurses died.

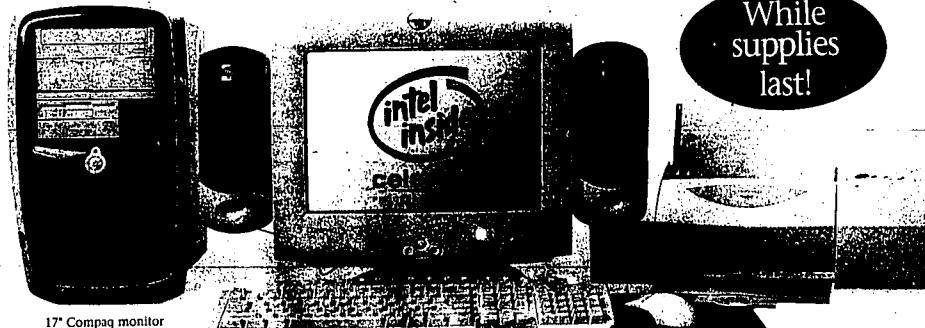
Ebola and Marburg are the most lethal of the hemorrhagic fevers viruses that have emerged in recent decades, notably in Africa.

Ebola was first identified in 1976 in Congo and Sudan, both of which border Uganda, and has flared at several sites since.

The first sustained outbreak of either virus continued in northeast Congo, where local men working an abandoned gold mine have suffered a steady stream of Marburg infections since mid-1998.

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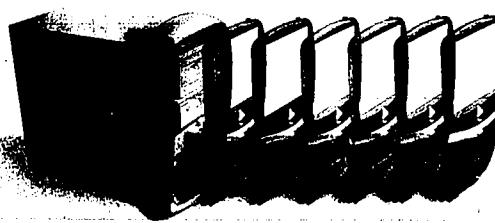
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EDITORIAL

Chamber committee has hit on a good strategy for MV economy

The way to create a strong local economy is to lure new businesses to town and to help existing ones grow. The former - with ground-breaking and ribbon-cutting ceremonies - is likely to make the 6 o'clock news, but the latter often goes unnoticed.

Helping local businesses flourish isn't as exciting as bringing a major new employer to town, but it is a wise long-term path to follow. It's the business equivalent of concentrating on basic hits, rather than trying to smack a home run.

The Business Plus II committee of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce (on which the publisher of this newspaper sits) has been quietly focusing on the needs of local businesses in recent months. The results clearly show that a little seed money up front can yield a bountiful economic harvest down the road.

For example, Seastrom Manufacturing Co. Inc. accepted \$30,000 from Business Plus II in exchange for creating at least 30 new jobs. Seastrom had two years to deliver on its promise, but it only needed about a year.

These jobs will inject new money into the Twin Falls economy. Some of it will inevitably find its way into local real estate offices, car dealerships, clothing stores and restaurants.

The Seastrom story is being played out in other local businesses.

Last week, the SMI Joist Co., the newly arrived drafting arm of a metals fabrication company, accepted \$10,000 in exchange for making its first 10 hires in the next two years. And Watco Companies Inc. - which owns the Eastern Idaho Railroad - has accepted a \$12,000 check to create 12 new jobs.

All of these are good positions in a core sector of the local economy. Instead of stirring around money that's already here, they are generating products for distant markets - thus capturing money from afar. That's the way to expand the local economy.

In a related vein, Lamb Weston Inc. has taken an innovative approach to filling some of its employee vacancies. The local French fry manufacturer has recruited more than a dozen wood-products workers from the North Idaho community of Pierce, where the local sawmill closed down earlier this fall.

Hiring that many workers in one fell swoop is a coup for an employer in the Magic Valley, where low unemployment has created a shortage of workers. Instead of hanging out a "Help Wanted" sign, Lamb Weston went to the far end of the state looking for idle workers. This kind of resourcefulness, coupled with the efforts of the Business Plus II committee, is what it takes to remain competitive in today's new economy.

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Cheney breaks ranks with stance on gays

The question didn't mention his daughter, and neither did his answer, but you knew, listening to Dick Cheney address the first serious inquiry of the campaign about his views on the rights of gays and lesbians, that his response had everything to do with Mary.

He answered in the same uninflected engineer's tone of moderation that he has with the same reliance on musical Washington clichés ("This is a tough one, Bernie... That's not a slam-dunk"). Cheney has never been the kind of politician - or the kind of man - who is much inclined to wrestle with the messy human issues that wreak their irrational force on domestic politics. Give him a nice argument about throw-weights or force posture; give him a good procedural question to unsnarl in a room full of other reasonable men.

But that is precisely what made his statement so oddly moving one. Both Cheney and his Democratic counterpart, John Lieberman, gave answers strikingly more compassionate, more uncertain and thinking-out-loud, than they had in their relationships people want to enter into," and in affirming that states have the right to pass laws sanctioning some form of gay union. But it was already clear, or should have been, that Cheney's answer to that question was the biggest news of the vice presidential debate.

And Cheney's was the more remarkable response, because it represented a far larger break with his party. It took several days for the anger of the Republican right to boil over at his position in calling on Americans to do whatever it can to tolerate and accommodate whatever kind of relationships people want to enter into," and in affirming that states have the right to pass laws sanctioning some form of gay union. But it was already clear, or should have been, that Cheney's answer to that question was the biggest news of the vice presidential debate.

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FRANK DEHONEY
Eden

George W. resembles his father

Seems kind of weird, former Presidents Reagan and Bush left us taxpayers with the largest debt in history.

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MARJORIE WILLIAMS

George W. Bush's reassertion, during Wednesday's presidential debate, of his party's hard line on a range of laws affecting gays and lesbians did nothing to change the symbolic importance of his running mate's answer.

"Amazing," said David Smith, communications director for the Human Rights Campaign, gay advocacy group. "Cheney basically broke ranks with Bush and the extreme right by saying that he recognized that gay and lesbian families have a place in America, and that their relationships should be respected...

It wasn't a ringing endorsement, but it certainly was a stark departure from his past position on this issue."

Until that moment, Cheney and his formidable wife, Lynne, had refused to answer any questions about the apparent conflict between the Republican platform and their support of their younger daughter, who has been quite open about her sexual orientation. Mary Cheney, 31, who now resides in New York, has fathered a son and is "body" side on his campaign, worked until recently as a liaison to the gay and lesbian community for the Coors Brewing Co. She has lived for years with a female partner, and wears a gold band on the ring finger of her left hand. Yet the press has been largely frightened off the issue by the Cheney's claims of privacy, and gay activists have expressed huge frustration at what they saw as the muzzling of Mary Cheney.

But moderator Bernard Shaw was smart enough to couch the question as a simple matter of public policy rather than as a

veiled charge of hypocrisy; Cheney could hardly refuse to answer. And, faced with a choice, he chose an answer that honored his love for his child.

It is also possible, if you're so inclined, to call Dick Cheney a hypocrite. As Smith notes, it is notas though Cheney has gone out of his way to denounce his party's official intolerance of gays. He is still running on a platform that calls for a federal ban on any form of gay union, as the running mate of a man who believes homosexuals should be ineligible to adopt children. Asked in the days after the debate to defend his remarks there, Cheney responded to plugging from reporters that he had answered the question "truthfully and accurately," but that if elected he would support his president's more conservative policies.

But gay activists have wisely decided to take yes for an answer, saluting Cheney for the fact that, when asked a direct question, he spoke with integrity and decency. Under most circumstances, it can drive you crazy to watch a politician see the light on some policy issue because of its sudden application to a member of his family. But public policy on gays and lesbians is quite different an issue. It draws on personal experience, as more and more straight Americans come to know that people they love are gay.

Thus Cheney's partial, almost grudging call for acceptance makes him a fitting model for this moment, on this question. The center is shifting because millions of Dick Cheneys, people in the middle who might prefer not to think about the rights of gays and lesbians, one day see the issue indelibly stamped with the faces of their daughters, sons, neighbors and friends.

Marjorie Williams wrote this column for The Washington Post.

On the path to our first billion dollars

B. MEREDITH BURKE

China did not set out to be the first nation to top 1 billion people. It simply grew that way, because its leaders refused to consider the long-term effects of short-sighted policies.

This month Congress has already taken action to bring the U.S. closer to membership in the unenviable "one billion plus club." First the Senate passed, 96-1, a bill to increase to 195,000 the annual number of visas available to workers whose skills are (allegedly) in short supply. A day later, House members adopted by voice vote their version of the Senate bill.

Now 145 members of the House of Representatives and 40 members of the U.S. Senate have signed a letter backing President Clinton on a proposed amnesty for illegal aliens. Forget the fact that in 1986 supporters of the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) promised their wife would be a one-time amnesty. Forget the fact that most intended beneficiaries have already received temporary protected status after entering illegally. Far more important is our legislators thumbing their noses at last January's warning by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Bolstered again with academic demagoguery, our Census Bureau projected massive 21st-century population growth unless immigration is checked.

With unchanged immigration policies the U.S. will add 300 million to its current 275 million. The larger part of this will represent the non-born but their descendants who have already swollen national births by 25 percent. But with expanding quotas the bureau's high-end projections reach as high as 1.2 billion Americans by 2100. Congress' unconvincing views on immigration quotas would upend both the Earth Day 1970 activists and members of the President's Commission on Population

cal fabric. They just cannot reconcile demographic and environmental sustainability.

According to ecologists Anne and Paul Ehrlich of Stanford University, Garrett Hardin of UC Santa Barbara and David Pimentel of Cornell, the maximum sustainable U.S. population does not exceed 150 million (1990). Pimentel points out that the main immigrant destination, could support 10 million long-term - if energy and water consumption per capita were reduced by a half and its soil conserved. If legislators stay their course, today's 35 million Californians will grow to 55 million in 20 or so years.

It's time to belatedly adopt a national sustainable population policy. Just as the Congressional Budget Office calculates the monetary costs of proposed legislation, a parafice office should calculate the demographic costs of proposed legislation. It can chart a demographic "thermometer" showing movement from the sustainable ceiling of 150 million.

Second, set serious targets for reducing our use of both renewable and non-renewable resources, including horsepower taxes that will do away with gas-guzzling vehicles.

Third, fully fund international family planning efforts and give generously to Third World female literacy programs.

We need a national scoreboard identifying those legislators who are unwilling to back the presumption of 1 billion people - and those who mistakenly believe that "their little legislative increment" will never be felt. Must we wait to take action until we resemble present-day China?

B. Meredith Burke is a demographer/economist with Negative Population Growth Inc. (www.npg.org), a Washington-based advocacy group.

OPINION

Don't be too quick to judge our children

BOB BEAMON

I left Sydney, Australia, with my Olympic record still standing 32 years later. Being there made me think back to 1968, the year my life changed forever.

I went from being Bob Beamon, former juvenile delinquent, to Bob Beamon, Olympic champion and an Olympic and world-record holder.

I am also reminded of another anniversary this year that helped me realize my dream. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the juvenile court, which established the time-honored principle that delinquent youth can – and should – be rehabilitated.

Today I worry that troubled youths won't get a second chance. And that would be a shame – for them and for us.

When I was in middle school, I belonged to a gang and soon got in trouble with the law. I remember fear clutching at my stomach as I stood before the judge.

I was lucky. The judge decided that I deserved a second chance, and instead of hauling me off to jail, released me to my grandmother's care. That judge didn't know I was a future Olympian. He recognized me for what I was: a mixed-up kid who could get his act together with some guidance from a caring adult. When he gave me a break, I vowed to use it. The rest, as they say, is history.

My place in the record books is secure. But I'm concerned about kids in the next generation who started out just like me. Our country has started a trend of trying more kids, at younger and younger ages, as adults. I can't understand why we're pursuing this approach. Children who are tried as adults go on to commit more crimes – and more serious offenses – than those who go

through the juvenile system, according to juvenile-justice scholar Charles Fraizer.

In this way, we're manufacturing crimes, not stopping them. Young people who get involved in crime need guidance, especially from an adult mentor to help them find their way forward, to teach respect for themselves and others and to show them there's a world out there that's full of opportunities.

But in adult prisons, young people are exposed to hardened criminals and, all too often, to abuse, drugs and sexual assault. It's no surprise that according to a study published in the *American Journal of Juvenile and Family Court*, kids who are sent to adult institutions are eight times more likely to attempt suicide than those who are tried as youths.

Kids today aren't as bad as the media paint them. In fact, according to a recent study, juvenile crime is dropping all across the country – and it's going down more quickly in cities that don't try lots of kids as adults than in cities that do.

We cannot give up on our youth. They have much to offer if we only give them the opportunity to do so.

Instead of locking up these teenagers, let's help them jump into the record books.

Bob Beamon won the gold medal in the long jump competition at the 1968 Mexico City Olympics with a jump of 29 feet, 2.5 inches, a world record that wasn't exceeded for 23 years.



LETTER

MV politics gone sour

Poor ol' Ralph Peters, former mayor and city councilman, thinks Gina Mulder misquoted him in The Times-News. It is hard to quote somebody who talks out of both sides of his mouth. How come he doesn't complain about the unethical journalistic manipulation at the North Side News. Somebody should.

Weeks ago, the council voted down water and sewer to Crossroads Ranch. Lot of money and power at stake here. Why, I think I read where W.F. Farnum Foods is planning to buy part of Ralph's farm when they were considering a new plant at Crossroads. Did these negotiations go on while Ralph was on the City Council? What about the Days Inn at Crossroads set to go to the auction block, owned by FWC? Crossroads LLC, being sued by Jerome Associates LLC. Who are they? Is any other of the city and county fathers involved with business ventures that conflict with their oath to their public? I remember Mayor Dennis Moore was employed by Jerome Cheese when they were negotiating with the city about being annexed.

They said that they had a verbal agreement with a city official that they were not going to be annexed. Which city official was that? Moore said that would be a case for the Supreme Court, but then he had to step down from the council when they voted to annex Jerome Cheese.

So all this petty finger-pointing about Joe Slagau and Marge Schmidt making different reservations up in Coeur d'Alene at the Association of Idaho Cities conference for councilors is just another scheme to cover up the fact that they made some tough decisions in the best interests of the public they serve and now they've fallen out of favor with the bad ol' boys. That's a shame.

I sure don't like being harassed again by the police in Jerome. I pulled over twice trying to get one officer to harass me. Twice he pulled over so that he could harass me some more. It was about 8:45 a.m. on Oct. 6. I guess he's been harassing people since God did not do a good job of either. This is all going to end horribly, I'm afraid, but at least this report won't turn up missing.

CHERI MARTIN
Jerome

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Section B

Drop that tool belt and nobody gets hurt

I'm here this morning to confess that I just after hardware in my heart. Also plumbing fixtures, all manner of epoxies and solvents, hand tools, power tools, putting soil and bulbs - electric and otherwise.

I've been seduced by the vast explosion of home improvement emporiums that has boosted our little corner of the world recently, and while that may not be remarkable for some guys, it's absolutely astonishing for me.

See, I have 10 thumbs, and they're all black and blue.

I can barely tell a ballpoint hammer from a ballpoint pen, and I never make one trip to the hardware store when six will do.

That's right: If you look up "feckless" in your "Time-Life Do-It-Yourself Guide for Not-So-Handy Homeowners," you'll find my photograph.

And I know I'm not alone. Home improvement mega-marts have made obsolete the Priesthood of Competence - those aproned, weather-worn souls with bent fingers who've stood between hardware and trouble for 100 years.

Used to be, if you walked into a hardware store, you had to pass a basic quiz before you got your hands on the goods: What are you looking for? What's its name? What are you planning to use it for?

These folks could spot a phony before he got out of his GMC Pacer. Tool-belt cowboys were made aware in ways subtle yet sharp, that you can't fake adequacy in the many arts.

No more. All manner of inventory is out in the open, and if I want a power-stapler - or even a generator muscular enough to jump-start Al Gore - I can walk right in and put my sweaty, trembling, uncalledous hands on it. No questions asked.

That's just wrong. A checkbook should not be the arbiter of competence with a screwdriver.

And the hardware goes well beyond the occasional visit to the E.R.: We're filling up our garages with the detritus of failed initiatives.

No man - women are smarter, I suspect - undertakes a significant home-improvement project unless hope has triumphed over experience - and left it bound and gagged in the rain gutter.

For complete tyros with power tools, enthusiasm is like a case of beer and a half-liter of Jack Daniels. They know better than that there will be no reckoning, but they just don't care.

So when, on Monday morning, the new garden gate hangs crooked, or the deck lists to starboard, or hole in the wall is bigger than the window meant to fill it, comes a hard disillusionment.

That's why Black & Decker has grown prosperous on the underused contents of our overstuffed garages: Nobody cuts his own twine twice.

And yet there is a male imperative: Men that have got to do it, do it. A friend of mine, a physical with the means to hire professionals to do a home-improvement job right, persisted at handimanhood with increasingly dispiriting results until his wife remind him that he had solemly vowed otherwise when he took the Hippocratic Oath:

"First, do no harm."

Home-improvement hypermarts do nothing but encourage physical malfeasance. I was standing in the electrical department of one of these stores recently, fantasizing about installing a ceiling fan myself, when a nearby conversation scared me straight.

A fellow about my age was examining a breaker box, turning it over and over in his hands, while his wife looked on skeptically.

"It's easy, Alice," he explained. "See, all these wires are color-coded so you don't get confused when you connect them: Black to white, red to black."

I went home and opened a window. The place, I decided, is plenty cool enough without a ceiling fan.

And if I change my mind, it's sitting in the garage.

Steve "Three Fingers" Crump is the Times-News features editor.

Where candidates land on land

By Michael Journeay
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Exactly what effect the presidential election will have on federal land management policy isn't really clear to some specialists.

But at least two people intimately involved in the issue see little chance of the clock turning back to the days of unchecked commercial use of western public lands.

LeVere, supervisor of the Sawtooth National Forest, and Jon Marvel, of the Idaho Watersheds Project, told mem-

bers of the Idaho Press Club Saturday that it's matter who wins the White House on Nov. 7, the trend toward more restricted use of public land isn't likely to reverse.

Even if Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the Republican nominee for president, beats Democratic Vice President Al Gore in the presidential election and the GOP holds on to its slim majority in Congress, things will not

likely change.

"They will try to roll things back but I'm afraid they will fail," said Marvel, a Hailey architect who has led a campaign to secure state grazing leases to show that areas along streams damaged by livestock grazing can recover to provide healthier wildlife habitat and improved water quality.

However, Marvel said that if the Democrats are successful in

capturing both the presidency and Congress, the nation's steady movement toward more stringent management of public land will continue.

But LeVere said while both candidates talk strongly about the need to manage public lands, there is little that a Republican or Democratic victory will mean for land management specialists in the field.

Using the U.S. Forest Service's 44-foot-thick land management manual as an example, LeVere said the growing number of regulations and environ-

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Painters gather to share detailing talent

By Mark Helmz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A quick glimpse into the world of Mike Lavallee and his peers can change an observer's view of sheet metal.

With 20 years of experience and basic tools of the trade, he recently brought an otherwise mundane Dodge pickup tailgate to life. In about three hours, he painted a stunningly lifelike rum that looks as if it's charging right through the tailgate, rending the metal as it goes. Even in a small color snapshot of the tailgate, Lavallee's work appears to be three-dimensional.

Lavallee was modest Saturday while discussing his work.

"All I painted on (the tailgate) was basically shadows," he said.

Lavallee, who lives outside Seattle, was one of many sign-painters, vehicle artists and other graphic experts who gathered this weekend at a Twin Falls shop owned by Jeff and Joyce Devey.

Called "Jamming at Jeff's," the three-day gathering is the type auto and sign painters try to hold at least once a year, Jeff Devey said.

The Deveys turned their shop, Jeff's Graphics, into a studio where painters could work on small sample "plates." Participants were encouraged to use their imaginations and examine each other's work.

"The idea is to get together socially and inspire each other," he said. "We make some lifelong friendships out of this, as well as sharing our craft."

Professional sign and graphics painter Vicki Middleton spent a year planning to come to the event from her home in Australia.

"I get all my inspiration from America," she said, explaining that she's diligently read trade magazines since taking up her craft 11 years ago.

"This is a really big deal for me," she said of coming to the Deveys' gathering. "I finally get to meet all these people I've been reading about. I was a much smaller sign writer."

Artists also came from Canada and several states, Jeff Devey said.

Misty Hollingsworth of Jackson, Wyo., makes a living painting wooden signs. She was eager to try her hand at working with metal.

"I can incorporate a lot of what I learn here into what I do," she said.

Jeff Devey said the event was about more than trading tricks of the trade. It was about keeping



Jon Wolf of Missoula, Mont., and Ben Hampton of Twin Falls demonstrate their artistry Saturday at a gathering at Jeff's Graphics.

his craft alive.

Computer-aided design and other technological leaps have taken some of the painstaking craftsmanship out of sign and vehicle graphics, he said.

"You used to have to be able to take a hand brush and run a line one-sixteenth of an inch wide dead straight down the side of a pickup."

Though computers make it pos-

sible for even clumsy hands to make a straight line, it still takes a trained artist to give the finished product a soul, Jeff Devey said.

"Computers are just another tool - it all depends on the person behind the tool," he said.

Jeff Devey showed off numerous photographs of his and others' work.

Lawrence was able to make the

motorcycle look as though they were wrapped in leather, while the Deveys' shop has added zing to drag racers, crash helmets and many other vehicles and accessories.

Jeff Devey said he hopes he and his peers can make the world a better place to look at.

"We want to see nice signs and logos. We want people to get out and use their talent."

Painting provides POW camp reminder

By Lorraine Caverne
Times-News correspondent

PAUL - A German farmhouse, with a white-thatched roof and two cows drinking from a trough sits in the foreground of the oil painting. In the background are haystacks, with a blue sea in the distance.

The painting, recently acquired by the Minidoka County Historical Society Museum, depicts a memory of a German prisoner of war. It was painted at Camp Rupert sometime in 1944 or 1945, on what appears to be a piece of tent canvas. The painting is framed with oak hardwood flooring scrims.

The 300-acre Camp Rupert was located five miles west of Paul, where A & B irrigation District offices are now. One of 24 prisoner of war camps built in Idaho, Montana and Oregon and one of 666 it housed in the United States, it housed as



Minidoka County Historical Society president Gary Schorzman shows a painting recently acquired by the museum. The painting was made by a World War II prisoner at Camp Rupert, five miles west of Paul.

He acquired the painting in 1954 from G.M. Decker, the chief electrician for the prison camp, who was married to a prisoner who painted the pic-

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Sun Valley conference focuses on fathers

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Father's Day comes only once a year. But James May puts it on for Dad every day.

"When you talk about fatherhood, the first thing men often talk of is guilt. But many are learning the joy of fatherhood, too," May told a few hundred educators at the Council for Exceptional Children conference held this week in Sun Valley.

Statewide in the United States, it's a father's day when it comes to fatherhood, says May, who is program director of the Washington State Fathers Network and former director of the National Fathers Network. There are 1.3 million single Dads in this country and far more absent fathers than in any other country in the world.

Men don't fear for that, he said. Men don't know how to be fathers. They've been taught to be competitors, protectors, problem-solvers and macho men who hold their feelings inside, May said.

He said men don't know how to lead balanced lives - just consider that 70 percent of suicides and drug addicts are men; 40 percent of those who commit suicide are men and 90 percent of the homeless are men. Men also have a 10 percent shorter life span than women, living on average about eight years less.

Thankfully, that may be changing, May said. There is a whole new generation of men writing, new rules because they themselves grew up in homes where there wasn't a lot of nurturing and they know how painful that can be. These men are exploring uncharted territory as they learn to balance work and family and become caretakers and nurturers, he said.

"It's really the most exciting time in the world to be a man. We have more choices than ever in how we choose to run our lives," May said. "But let's not delude ourselves. Such change is frequently highly suspect and often seen as unnatural."

Society needs to create conditions that allow Dads to be as competent as Moms, May said. Society also needs to allow more time from work for their kids, just like Moms do. He said society needs to insist that there are more images of Dads holding their kids that sacked out on the couch holding a beer.

Instead of focusing on what your child can't do, reward them with love for what they can do. May said. Instead of isolating them from the world, create adventures for them.

Know, too, that it's not important to always have the answers when it comes to your kids, he said.

"What is important is being a good listener."

Ordinance puts guidelines on adult entertainment

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

HEYBURN - There are no nude dancing clubs in Heyburn. Not even a shady downtown nightclub.

City officials would like to keep it that way and they're looking at adopting a strict ordinance to regulate adult entertainment.

An outright ban could be considered unconstitutional. So the ordinance allows adult businesses to locate where they do not affect "the public health, safety and moral climate of the community as a whole."

It's not the intent nor effect of this ordinance to restrict or deny access by adults to sexually oriented materials protected by the First Amendment, or to deny access by the distributors and exhibitors of sexually oriented

entertainment to their intended market, "the ordinance," Mayor Jim Cheney expects the law to measure to ruffle some feathers, but he thinks the ordinance is "well-rounded enough it wouldn't offend too highly."

City officials believe Heyburn's position along Interstate 84 makes it a preferred location. And with anticipated economic growth in the future, Cheney said he wants to be prepared for that.

"For the protection of our young people's minds, I think something like this needs to go into effect," Cheney said.

The 37-page ordinance restricts such businesses to areas zoned for industrial use. It requires a 2,500-foot setback from churches, youth organizations, public areas or property.

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Blue Cross of Idaho CEO to retire this year

MERIDIAN (AP) — The president and chief executive officer of Blue Cross of Idaho has announced that he will retire at the end of the year.

David L. Barnett will be succeeded by Texas Ray Flachbart, the Meridian-based mutual insurance company reported.

A 20-year veteran of Blue Cross of Idaho, Barnett has led

the company since 1990, overseeing its transformation from a regional hospital and professional service organization to a national insurance company. The company serves 300,000 Idaho customers.

"I am extremely proud of this organization and its accomplishments," Barnett said.

Flachbart hails from Houston,

where he was senior vice president and general manager for AmericaHealth of Texas.

He also served for 11 years with Prudential Insurance Co. of America in positions ranging from director of health-care management and director of group marketing to vice president in New York, Connecticut and Texas.

DEATH NOTICES

Edna L. Wells

EDEN — Edna Louise Wells, 76, of Eden, died Friday, Oct. 13, 2000, at Twin Falls Care Center.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls with the Rev. Jeff Potter officiating. Graveside services with her daughter, Linda "Odeane" Ross, will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Linda Ross

POCATELLO — Linda "Cheehee" Ross, 55, of Pocatello, and formerly of Eden, died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2000, at her home.

The funeral will be held at 12:30 p.m. Monday at Colonial Funeral Home, 2005 S. 4th Ave., in Pocatello. The family will greet friends one hour before the service on Monday at the funeral home.

Graveside services will be held with her mother, Edna Wells, on Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Instead of flowers, a memorial fund has been established in Linda's memory at FMC Credit Union.

Zyphie M. Wade

GOODING — Zyphie May Wade, 85, of Gooding, died Saturday, Oct. 14, 2000, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center in Gooding.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Ashlynd M. Smith

KIMBERLY — Ashlynd Michelle Smith, 2-month-old daughter of Heather and Alvin Smith of Kimberly, died Friday, Oct. 13, 2000, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Makayla Spencer

TWIN FALLS — Makayla Spencer, infant daughter of Frank and Nycole Spencer of Buhl, died Friday, Oct. 13, 2000,

at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

A service will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral chapel.

Ruth Knighton

BOISE — Ruth Knighton, 74, of Boise, died 1 Thursday, Oct. 12, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel in Boise. Inurnment will follow at Dry Creek Cemetery.

Helen J. Lakey

BOISE — Helen Josephine Lakey, 93, of Boise, died Friday, Oct. 13, 2000, at a Boise care center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel.

SERVICES

LaVintz Milton Hatmaker of Shoshone, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church in Shoshone. The family will greet friends from 4-6 p.m. today at the family home at 412 W. B St. (D.M. Shoshone Chapel).

Danny Joe Peak of Carey, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Calvary Bible Church in Hailey.

Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the Wood River Chapel in Hailey.

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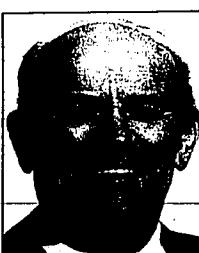
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TWIN FALLS



Gradius G. Heeling

Gradius G. Heeling, Jr. of Twin Falls, died Friday, October 13, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center from work related injuries.

Gradius was born on March 5, 1924, in Belling-Drenthe, the Netherlands. He was the son of Gradius J. Heeling of Twin Falls; a sister, Kathy (Gordon) Gibson of Caldwell; and a sister and brother in Holland. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gradius G. and Johanna Berends Heeling, and his brother, Henk Heeling.

Gradius was a survivor by his wife, Jessie Roy Holdaway, and his lifelong sweetheart, Alice "Alice" Hegen on October 28, 1949, in the Dutch Reformed Church in Belling. They had two sons, Gradius G. Heeling, Jr. and Henk Heeling. The family moved to Idaho in March of 1963. They first lived in Jerome, and then later residing in Twin Falls. In 1962, Gradius started Heeling Construction in which he was still active with his son, Henk.

He was an avid music lover, and enjoyed playing the piano and organ. He liked all sports but soccer was his main love and had a lifelong admiration for the sport. He played and was captain of the "Fif Boys," the local town soccer team. He played soccer for 40 years until he was 80 years old and is moving to the States. He had a passion for the sport and when the Magic Valley Youth Soccer Association formed, he was able to watch his grandson, Hans, play. No matter how busy he was he would always find time to watch good soccer games.

He is survived by his wife, Alice of Twin Falls; two sons, Gradius G.

He loved to teach a variety of music including piano, guitar and drums. He was handy with his hands doing different kinds of leatherwork. Jessie liked to talk religion with people, as he had a degree in theology. Gradius was survived by his children, Jessie Holdaway, Casper, Wyoming; Stephen (Ethel) Holdaway, Riverton, Wyoming; John (Celeste) Holdaway, Lander, Wyoming; Maria (Jim) McDougal, Pocatello, Idaho; and Elizabeth Holdaway of Paul, Idaho; one sister, Minerva Pearce, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; one brother, J. E. Holdaway of Pampa, Texas; twelve grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, three sisters and one grandson.

Gradius' services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, October 16, 2000, at the Paul Cemetery with Pastor Jim McDougal officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary, P.O. Box 845, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

RUPERT



Jessie R. Holdaway

Jessie Roy Holdaway, 74-year-old twin, died Saturday, died Friday, October 13, 2000, in the Idaho State Veterans Home.

He was born September 30, 1926, in Davenport, Oklahoma, to John and Mabel Plaster Holdaway. He attended schools in Oklahoma graduating from high school in 1944. He was in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was in the service in World War II. After returning from the war, he worked as a Sizemore engineer permit man in the oil fields of Oklahoma. He then went to work for Western Fuel and Power Company for several years. He was also a Certified Public Accountant. Jessie moved to Idaho in 1994 and had lived in Pocatello in the Veteran's Home since 1997.

SHOSHONE

Roger L. Davis

Roger Lee Davis, 51, of Shoshone, died Thursday, October 12, 2000, at his job.

He was born Aug. 9, 1949, in Wendell. He was raised and educated in Jerome. He went to work at the Big Wood Canal Co. as a maintenance person, moved up to foreman, and was currently working as an assistant manager.

Survivors include his wife, Corinne Davis of Shoshone; a son, Lane Davis; and a daughter, Michelle Chitwood, both of Shoshone; four grandchildren, Jessica and Sabrina Chitwood, Devon and Michael Chitwood; a brother, Franklin and Jim Davis of Jerome; and four sisters, Patty Kiser, Betty Holdack and Helen Cox, all of Jerome, and Roberta Tubbs of Caldwell. He was preceded in death by his parents, step-parents, grandparents, one brother and one sister.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, Oct. 16, 2000, at 3 p.m. at the Shoshone Assembly of God Church. Burial will follow at the Shoshone Cemetery. Friends may call on Sunday from 4 until 7 p.m. at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel.

Pickup strikes cop; man charged

BOISE (AP) — A Boise man was charged with drunken driving after a pickup truck hit Boise Police bicycle officer Kent Lipple and then left the scene.

Mostafa P. Oskouie, 26, of Boise, was charged with leaving the scene of an accident, driving while intoxicated, aggravated battery and driving without privileges.

He was being held at the Ada County Jail on \$50,000 bond.

Lipple was taken to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center after the Thursday night incident. He was treated for an arm injury and released.

The officer was riding his bike and attempting to stop a vehicle when he was hit by a truck, according to reports.

The impact knocked Lipple

from his bike, according to police.

The truck then left the scene, according to reports.

Both men were arrested. The license plate number and called police with the information.

Before officers located the truck, a report of a fight at a Japanese restaurant was filed in.

Officers responded to the call determined that Oswald and his brother, Dominic, who were at the restaurant, were in the truck that had hit Lipple earlier.

Both men were arrested.

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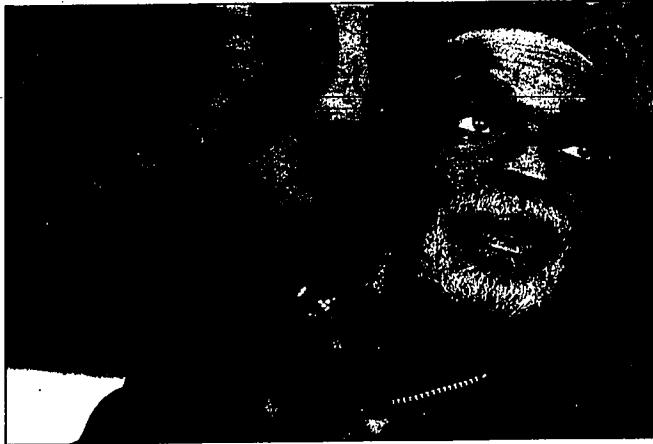
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Syl Cheney-Coker sits in his Las Vegas townhouse Friday. Cheney-Coker, a writer from Sierra Leone whose home was threatened by terrorist rebels, has sought asylum in Las Vegas.

Exiled writer finds refuge in Nevada

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Syl Cheney-Coker stepped out onto his porch, lit a pipe and glanced at the sea of neon casinos in the distance. His sixth novel and a book of poems waited on his laptop computer to be finished.

This is what he has come to Las Vegas for - the quiet, the freedom, the escape from killing.

It seems a bizarre combination - a Sierra Leone writer seeking asylum and a gambling city whose culture, if there is any, is neon, not literature. But Cheney-Coker has found refuge here in a city longing to expand its identity.

"In an irony way, because of its presumed tawdriness, it's just the right place for a writer to define what humanity is all about," Cheney-Coker, 55, said Friday from his new town house. "It's a fascinating study about humanity."

But Las Vegas, City of Asylum?

That's exactly what University of Nevada, Las Vegas, English professor Richard Wiley thought

at first. He was having dinner in November with longtime friend Wole Soyinka, a Nigerian author and president of the International Parliament of Writers, when Soyinka mentioned that no U.S. city had expressed interest in helping persecuted writers.

About 60 writers have found shelter in two dozen Cities of Asylum, a program begun by the writers' group in response to death threats by Middle Eastern extremists against author Salman Rushdie.

"So, we made a kind of joke about wouldn't it be funny if Las Vegas did it because it's so countercultural," Wiley recalled. "What else might think of Las Vegas doing?"

But, sometime during the dinner, the joking stopped and, Wiley said, "it seemed like a perfect fit."

Wiley took the idea to Mandalay Resort Group President Glenn Schaeffer, another longtime friend. He knew Schaeffer, a writer himself, could provide the

funding the project needed. Schaeffer agreed and the city's colorful mayor, Oscar Goodman, a former mob defense attorney, was in, too.

"It's not bizarre at all. This is the new Las Vegas," Goodman said.

"Just the fact that he's here gives the city a dimension that it didn't have before," Wiley said. "The city really ... wants to have a well-roundedness."

Cheney-Coker fled Sierra Leone, on the west coast of Africa, in 1997 after rebels tried to smash their way into his home in suburban Freetown. He has been a critic of military rule.

Terrorist rebels in Sierra Leone have killed tens of thousands of innocent civilians and mutilated many more since the country's civil war began in 1991.

Cheney-Coker arrived in Las Vegas last week with five novels and three books of poetry to his credit, an internationally acclaimed writer.

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Minister says he stopped rail line closure

GRANGEVILLE (AP) - A local minister claims credit for stopping the closure of the Coeur d'Alene RailNet, while the railroad owners hope he succeeds in preserving service for grain growers and others.

Earl Whited, 62, of Kooskia, issued a news release saying three executives of Camas Prairie RailNet called him on Thursday to solidify an agreement keeping the 67-mile rail line between Spalding and Grangeville open.

"It was high drama, touch-and-go for some time, but after nearly an hour of intense negotiations, they finally agreed not to shut down the Grangeville to Lewiston line on Sunday," Whited's state-

ment reads. "They will now pause in disassembling the railroad until the end of November."

Whited calls himself chairman of the board of Corporate Benefits of America, Inc., and The Virtual Chamber of Commerce.com.

Since moving to Idaho County a year ago, Whited has founded Citizens for Honest and Responsible Government and is the pastor of Harvest Rock Home Fellowship Church in Kooskia.

Roger Nelson, an executive with North American RailNet of Texas, which owns the rail line, Friday confirmed his company has been negotiating with Whited, but said it was agreed upon with the shippers earlier

that service would continue until December.

Nelson said the company has been open to the possibility of selling the line to another buyer since last January.

Candidate says incumbent's jail practices pushed him out of race

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - The Democratic challenger for Kootenai County sheriff essentially gave up, accusing the incumbent of blocking jail calls to local bail bond businesses to deny him campaign money.

David Perry, 68, said his business has fallen off and he has thrown his support behind independent candidate Ted Pulver.

Perry, a former Republican Sheriff Rocky Watson was allegedly blocked calls from the newly arrested.

"Though I'd like to put on a campaign against him, he's fixed it so I can't, and that's pretty smart I guess," Perry said Friday.

The accusation against Watson is at the center of current court action against the sheriff by Allied Bail Bonds.

Watson replied an Oct. 23 hearing will prove he is doing no such thing.

"If the issue is blocking phone calls, we've got the documents to

prove we never did it," Watson said.

Perry, a former bounty hunter now running EZ Out Bail Bonds, cannot drop out of the race. He did not file financial reports Tuesday as required and his campaign appears to be a mess.

"It doesn't mean he's out of the race, but he's not in it," said county elections supervisor Deedie Beard. "It's too late for him to withdraw."

Allied owner Steve Glynn goes before 1st District Judge James Judd Oct. 23 to ask for a restraining order against the sheriff, to stop him from preventing calls to Allied and other bonding companies.

Pulver said he thinks the sheriff is interfering with the calls. Watson's regional bondsmen have given \$2,200 to Pulver's campaign.

The sheriff thinks his policy of accepting credit cards at the jail

- offering booked inmates a way to avoid a bail bonding fee - has prompted all the accusations.

"We're taking credit cards. It's hurting his business, and Pulver's trying to seize on that issue for his campaign," Watson said.

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Jerome County commissioners race

Veronica Lierman and Lee Halper, both from Jerome, will square off in the race for the two-year Jerome County District 1 commissioner seat in the Nov. 7 election. Lierman defeated incumbent John Toolson in the May 23 Republican primary. All commission seats are now part-time.

Before Oct. 1, one seat was full-time. New commissioners will decide whether to keep all seats part-time, or keep a full-time position.

	About the candidates	Do you think the city of Jerome should extend sewer service to the Crossroads Ranch development?	What are your views regarding CAFOs in Jerome County?	Where do you stand on Jerome Cheese Co.'s efforts to remove itself from Jerome water and sewer?	What are your feelings about property taxes in Jerome?	Do you think a full-time county commissioner is necessary?
	Veronica Lierman, Republican Age: 56 Occupation: Administrative assistant to a financial planner, associate treasurer to the joint board of SIRCOPA Education: Graduated from high school Political experience: Served on Jerome County Republican Central Committee for 10 years; was appointed in 1987 to the Jerome County Conservation Commission, where she served for eight years; served on Mid-Snake River Study Commission, joint board, Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center, regional juvenile detention board; Region IV Development Corp. board; air quality advisory board; industrial revenue bond board.	"If there's no cost to the taxpayers, I don't see why not. Obviously, that's something the city will have to decide. I certainly think Crossroads could benefit Jerome County."	"CAFOs are very important to the economy of Jerome County. It's an ongoing situation and things need to be improved. With CAFOs we must consider private rights of ownership, impact on rural residents and impact on the economy. Jerome County was the first county in the Magic Valley to have a CAFO ordinance, so we've been proactive and we'll continue to be."	"I think they should have the right to do that. I realize they are paying quite a bit of money to Jerome, but they should have the same rights as everyone else. That would be like if I lived in the city and was cited for using less water. If the money's such an issue, the city should have put that in their contract."	"Taxpayers get the biggest bang for the buck at the local level. People complain about property taxes, but they are needed to serve the people directly. I certainly want to keep a tight rein on taxes, but I'd rather see tax cuts on a higher level than the local level. I'll provide oversight to see taxes are spent wisely."	"I wasn't in favor of a full-time commissioner. Commissioners need to share responsibilities equally. I think three part-time commissioners can take care of the necessary business. Three people are elected to represent the people, so they should represent equally."
	Lee Halper, Independent Age: 52 Occupation: Cabinet maker Education: Culver Military Academy, Bates College (3 years) Political experience: Jerome County building inspector; Jerome County Livestock Confinement Operation Committee, 1993-99; Chairman of Jerome County Impact Ordinance Committee, 1993-99; Planning and Zoning Commission, 1996-98; Association of Idaho Counties CAFO Taskforce Committee; legislative lobbyist for Idaho Rural Council; helped pass a state bill which made dairy pollution fines go to county general funds.	"Possibly, it depends on the terms and if it's worked out to everybody's benefit. Everybody has to be satisfied with the arrangement. Crossroads could benefit Jerome County, but it depends on what goes in there. There's nothing written in it 'as to what's going in there.'	"Right now, we need an inventory of land and cows and review that with a pertinent management plan to see if there's room for growth, or if we're at our limit. I tend to think Jerome County is full up of cows."	"I'm 125 percent against it. I was involved in the first and second water protests, and I asked the commissioners to protest because it's drying up land and taking money away from the county. This is drying up land and isn't good for the citizens of the community."	"We need to look at diversifying the local economy so property taxes aren't the basis for funding everything in the county. We need impact fees for people wanting to move into the county to help lessen property taxes."	"I'm fully in favor of three part-time commissioners. If three part-time commissioners can't handle all the work that has to be done, and would require one full-time and two part-time seats, then that should be documented and go before the people. They're the ones paying for it."

Utah sewage spill spurs inquiry

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Central Weber Sewer Improvement District's dumping of 25 million gallons of raw sewage last week into the lower Weber River has prompted a federal inquiry.

Sewage flowed into the river for about 18 hours Wednesday as the district upgraded its sewage treatment plant south of Plain City in Weber County.

Construction required that the plant be shut down so sewage bypassed the normal treatment process. The district had a permit from the Utah Division of Water Quality, but U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials questioned whether it was appropriate.

"We are not really too happy with the way the spill occurred," said Fish and Wildlife Service

field coordinator Reed Harris, whose agents were trying to learn more about the incident.

The district was required to notify various health departments and natural-resources agencies, but the Fish and Wildlife Service wasn't notified until Tuesday and had no time for review.

Harris said he plans to bring the matter to the attention of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"It seems strange in this day and age that we couldn't have come up with a better alternative than dumping raw sewage directly into the river," he said.

The Weber River feeds into the Great Salt Lake's Ogden Bay, a popular area for waterfowl hunting.

Fred Pehrson, assistant director

for the Division of Water Quality, characterized the sewage bypass as a "routine" occurrence for sewage treatment plants in need of repair.

For the Weber district, it was the first time in at least eight years that raw sewage had been routed directly into the river, said district board chairman George Goodell.

Pehrson acknowledged that 25 million gallons is a larger-than-usual amount of sewage. Still, he said he didn't feel any harm was to the environment because of the dilution from the river's inflow and the filtering effect of the bay's wetlands.

"We don't expect there was significant impact to fish or any waterfowl, and we're not anticipating any," he said.

Family and strangers pay respects to flight attendant

GARDEN CITY (AP) — Area residents, flight attendants and a former governor, most of whom had never met, Lynn Henney — paid their respects to the woman whose body was found in the Boise River on Oct. 7.

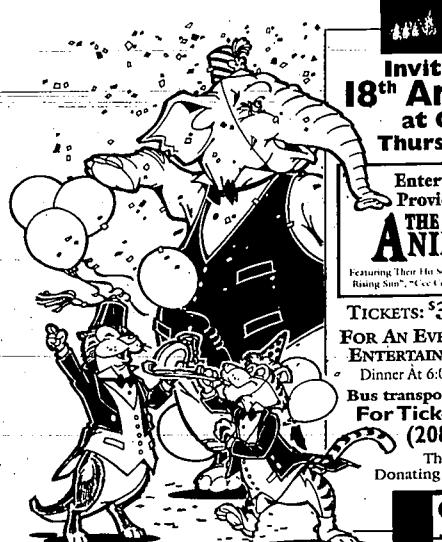
Henne, 38, a flight attendant with United Airlines, was

found nearly two weeks after walking along the Boise River and ending at a local restaurant.

More than 80 people squeezed into the Riverside Funeral Service Chapel for the memorial service Friday.

Family members, who live in Montana and New York, did not attend.

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Nevada's suicide rate soars

Researchers look for reasons why most occur in rural areas

PAHRUMP, Nev. — The black smudges around David Jennings' mouth were just a hint of the painful life he had led to leave. Odd, his wife thought, but she was quite sure what to do when David said he had wrapped his mouth around his car's exhaust pipe.

Another time, David poured gasoline all over his body and planned to set himself on fire.

So when she saw the note slipped into the family's front door, Kandi Jennings knew.

Eight weeks later, authorities found David's body lying against a tree in his property, where he usually used to ride bicycles. He had cut himself under the chin; his bicycle nearby.

His death marked the end to a tormented life Kandi had struggled to understand for years.

David's death in rural Nye County also contributed to a puzzling national statistic: rural residents kill themselves at a higher rate than those in urban areas. And the West leads the nation in the rate of suicide.

But why?

Kandi Jennings sits in her living room in Pahrump, Nev., Aug. 1999. Her husband, David, killed himself in January, leaving Kandi and their three daughters. David's death contributed to a puzzling national statistic: rural residents kill themselves at a higher rate than those in urban areas. The West leads the nation in the rate of suicide.

Minus the brothels, the scene is similar in many Western states.

That's part of the appeal of the West, and at the same time perhaps part of the reason for suicide.

"It has a lot to do with how isolated everything is," said Stacy Holleybee, of the state's Crisis Call Center, a suicide prevention agency in Reno.

"There's not a lot of community resources available. It's hard to reach out because it's harder to keep anonymous. If you have any kind of problem that you're facing, you have to go and face people that you see in the grocery store."

Nationally, the suicide rate of adults in rural areas was 17.94 per 100,000 people in 1995, the most recent numbers from the National Center for Health Statistics. In urban areas, the rate was 14.91.

In Nevada, it's not Las Vegas, the state's gambling mecca, that drives the highest suicide rate in the nation. It's the rural counties. Two-thirds of Nevada's population lives in Clark County, which includes Las Vegas. Yet, the county's suicide rate last year was 18.91 per 100,000 people, compared with the rural rate of 25.63, state figures show.

Nevada's overall rate last year was 20.18 per 100,000 people. That's more than double the national rate of 11.31 in 1998, the most recent statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

And in the West, the numbers are higher than in any other part of the country — 12.55 deaths per 100,000 people in 1998, the CDC said.

The South was second with a rate of 12.12, followed by the Midwest with a 10.51 rate. The Northeast was the lowest with a rate of 8.89.

Last year, six people in Nye County — where David Jennings lived and died — committed suicide. The year before, 13 people killed themselves there. Ten peo-



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access to firearms, is a more private person and enjoys the isolation.

Two years ago, the CDC set up the Suicide Prevention and Research Center in Las Vegas at the University of Nevada School of Medicine. It made sense to the CDC to conduct suicide research in the state that is ground zero to the problem.

Flides and other researchers there have been concentrating on Nevada's rate and other Western states.

Answers are few.

"We really just don't know," said Evans, who teaches human development and family studies.

That's the feeling U.S. Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., has. Reid grew up in rural Searchlight, Nev., a town of about 200 people 50 miles southeast of Las Vegas. His father killed himself almost 30 years ago.

"It took me a while to talk about it and to tell the public about it," Reid said. "I feel better about it, and I know I've made some progress for others."

Reid drafted the 1997 Senate resolution that called for a national suicide prevention strategy and was instrumental

in establishing the suicide center in Las Vegas.

"Obviously the facts are pointing toward this rural living not being all it's cracked up to be," he said.

The isolated nature of the region brings more problems — setting up clinics in rural areas, attracting counselors to lonely towns and getting enough money to keep the clinics running.

"Serious shortages of mental health personnel and services are probably what characterizes rural mental health the most," said Peter Beeson, president of the National Association for Rural Mental Health in St. Cloud, Minn.

A community forum

Opinion pages

The children of John and Vicki Appel would like to express their sincere thanks to all of the wonderful people we met in Idaho due to the sudden death of our parents. We appreciated your kindheartedness, thoughtfulness and friendship while we were in Idaho. Memorial services were held at the Loveland/Ft. Collins Airport in Colorado where our parents spent a lot of time and departed on Runway 33 for many happy flights. They left us on July 31 but we truly believe that they are now flying among the heavens and stars, and that they will continue to have many happy adventures together. Thank you to all who helped us through this difficult time.

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The king of tax crusaders is on the move

An anti-tax crusader pushes proposals in the West

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Lawmakers sometimes hide when they see him coming down the halls.

Mention his name to taxpayers, and more than a few pat their wallets and smile. Some even send thank-you notes.

"Not since Alfred Packer was accused of eating five of Hinsdale County's seven registered Democrats in the last century has one man angered so many Colorado politicians in so little time.

When it comes to state tax-limitation laws, Doug Bruce is king. Government officials have even coined the phrase, "de-Bruce," for the process of getting voter approval to exceed tax-and-spend limits in a law Bruce crafted nearly a decade ago.

"He's very bright and he's a step or two ahead of us, and if his goal is to make government unworkable, he's been somewhat successful," said state Senate Minority Leader Mike Feeley, D-Lakewood.

Bruce is one of a handful of political gadflies, who spend their waking hours pushing anti-tax proposals in the West.

The West became the epicenter of the tax-limitation movement after California voters approved Proposition 13 in 1978. Eleven of 17 states with tax and revenue limitation laws on the books are in the West.

This year, Bruce has proposed Amendment 21, a plan to cut utility, vehicle, income and property taxes by \$25 each year.

Opponents claim it will force crucial cuts in services in special districts. Bruce responded by marching around with a man in a Chicken Little suit clucking and muttering the sky is falling.

Republican Gov. Bill Owens supports tax cuts, but said Bruce's proposal would cut taxes with "a bludgeon, not with a scalpel."

A poll released Monday



Doug Bruce, shown in this September photo, talks about revenue limitation proposals during an interview in his home in Colorado Springs, Colo. 11 of 27 states with tax-limitation proposals on the Nov. 7 ballot are in the West.

showed support for Bruce's amendment dropped from 65 percent in June to a statistical dead heat, with 42 percent in favor and 41 percent opposed.

The poll by Theley-Drake Research and Strategic of Berkeley for the Denver, Rocky Mountain News and News-4 was conducted last week. It had a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

In Oregon, crusader Bill Sizemore has proposed six measures, including one that would cut state income taxes by \$1 billion a year.

Sizemore, a former gubernatorial candidate who heads an anti-tax organization, campaigns to keep government under control by cutting taxes, limiting its size and promoting citizen initiatives.

Washington's Tim Eyman, a watch salesman who doesn't even wear his own watches, pushed through the I-695 initiative last year that sought to replace value-based car-tab fees with a flat \$30 fee and to require voter approval of all

tax and fee increases at the state and local level.

This year, he has proposed the "Son of I-695" initiative to close some loopholes in last year's law.

Like Sizemore and Bruce, Eyman says his goal is to keep citizens in control of government.

Eyman, who heads a group called Permanent Offense, has fended off criticism and even a pie, which was tossed into his face by protesters in June.

"I've been called every name in the book, but I have never been insulted by anyone I respected," he said.

Eight years ago, Bruce was responsible for Colorado's Tabor Amendment, which limits the growth of state and local government budgets to 6 percent per year. This year, the state government is refunding nearly \$1 billion to taxpayers under Bruce's law, which has not made him very popular with lawmakers.

Bruce, who grew up in California, got his start in anti-

tax campaigns by voting for Proposition 13, which limited property taxes. He became an assistant district attorney, but became disillusioned with the legal system and resigned.

He moved to Colorado Springs in 1986, bought some rental properties and became involved in his first attempt to limit taxes, which failed. Undaunted, Bruce came back again and again until voters approved the TABOR Amendment — the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights — in 1992.

Sitting next to a computer chess game in his modest home, Bruce, 51, spends a lot of time going over government budgets, looking for attempts to get around his tax and spending limits.

Chess is his favorite game, he said, because your opponent can grind you down to two pieces, a king and a lowly pawn, and you can still win.

"People have this idea you'll win an election by whispering in a closet. I'm not an anarchist, not anti-government, just against waste," he said.

As for "de-Bruce," Bruce says, "It's disparaging. It's as though I'm a pestilence, who came into the state, as if they are destroying it."

Bruce has his followers, including a 91-year-old woman who sent him a note of thanks after she got her \$142 tax refund. "I know it was through your efforts I have this money," she wrote.

Lawmakers accused Bruce of abusing the initiative process, coming back 186 times with drafts before it was finally approved by the ballot. They voted and failed to pass laws to make it more difficult for Bruce to introduce initiatives, citing the huge expense of holding hearings.

A Utah girl recounts her recent abduction

was grabbed from behind and forced into a doorway.

She said the man put tape over her mouth and tied her down and molested her after downing a handful of pills and a couple of swigs of beer.

She said she was molested again and then the man forced a sock in her mouth and wrapped her head in duct tape, with slits near her nose so she could breathe. Then he tied her up again, further molesting her.

"I couldn't talk, but I kept thinking, 'Please stop, it feels disgusting,'" she said.

Around that time, the man heard his nephew and sister coming home. The girl said she was wrapped up in some plastic and taken to another room, possibly the garage, where he covered her with garbage and told her not to make a sound or he would kill her.

She said she wanted to make noise to draw attention, but fear of her friends seeing her tied up naked kept her from making a sound.

"I wanted to scream for (her friend), but I had no clothing on to protect or cover my areas," she said. "But I know if he would have found me he would have ran and got the cops. I know he would have."

After a while, the girl's friend left and the assailant stuffed her into an old green travel trunk.

She said he took her to several places, taking her out each time to molest her. The girl said she "distinctly remembers being placed in the trunk of a car, because I could hear it close."

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Who holds the NFL record for pass receptions in a season?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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IN BRIEF

Roper becomes third NASCAR casualty

FORT WORTH, Texas — Trucks series driver Tony Roper died Saturday morning in a fiery crash in a race at Texas Motor Speedway, becoming the third on-track fatality this year in NASCAR.

The 35-year-old driver had a severe neck injury which prevented blood from flowing to his brain, said Dr. John LaNoue, a trauma surgeon at Parkland Hospital. LaNoue said the injury Friday night left Roper with a brain function.

Roper was one of two drivers to die Saturday from injuries in touring series events. Drag racer Wayne Bailey died hours after crashing during qualifying Friday night for the IHRA World Finals at Red River Raceway in Gilliam, La.

First Lady, Lazlo draw Subway battle lines

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Hillary Rodham Clinton left little doubt Saturday that she and her husband would take it into "Subway politics" when he runs for Senate against Rick Lazlo will be on opposite sides.

Reminded that Lazlo was a big-time Mets fan, Clinton said, "And I'm a Yankees fan. I've been a Yankees fan since I was a little girl." She noted that "when I was a little girl there weren't any Mets." Clinton said it would be "surprising" to have a Subway Series and that she might be open to a wager with Lazlo on the outcome.

The Illinois-born Clinton was the subject of much derision last year when she announced that while she had always been a Chicago Cubs fan, she also was a Yankees fan. She explained that with the Cubs being a National League team, she needed an American League team to root for.

Jerome Ladies announce awards, new officers

JEROME — The Jerome Country Club Ladies Golf Association held its fall banquet on Oct. 11, and announced the following newly elected officers: Carol Pegnoli, president; Carolyn Smith, vice president; Bev Pickering, secretary, and Leona Watson, treasurer.

Golfers of the year were also announced: first flight gross, Joy Alert; first flight net, Justine Messersmith; second flight gross, Bunnie Bankhead; second flight net, Helen Likely; third flight gross, Leona Watson; third flight net, June Reed. Most improved golfer, Debbie Pickering.

Helen Lickley and Annie Thomason share the club championship trophy for the year. Norma Fritsley will be leader of the Twilight League and Vi Croshaw was voted to be a director on the board for the year 2001.

Ladies Day play will continue on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. as long as the weather permits.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Herman Moore of Detroit, 123 in 1995.

All aboard

Subway Series looms thanks to Clemens' one-hitter

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Roger Clemens brushed back Alex Rodriguez, then brought the New York Yankees to the brink of another World Series trip.

Pitching the greatest game of his flawed postseason career, Clemens threw a one-hitter and struck out a

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record-setting 15 to give the Yankees a 5-0 win Saturday night and a 3-1 lead in the AL championship series.

Al Martin doubled off the glove of leaping first baseman Tino Martinez in the seventh inning for Seattle's only hit.

"Tonight was special," Clemens said. "The ball was jumping out of my hand."

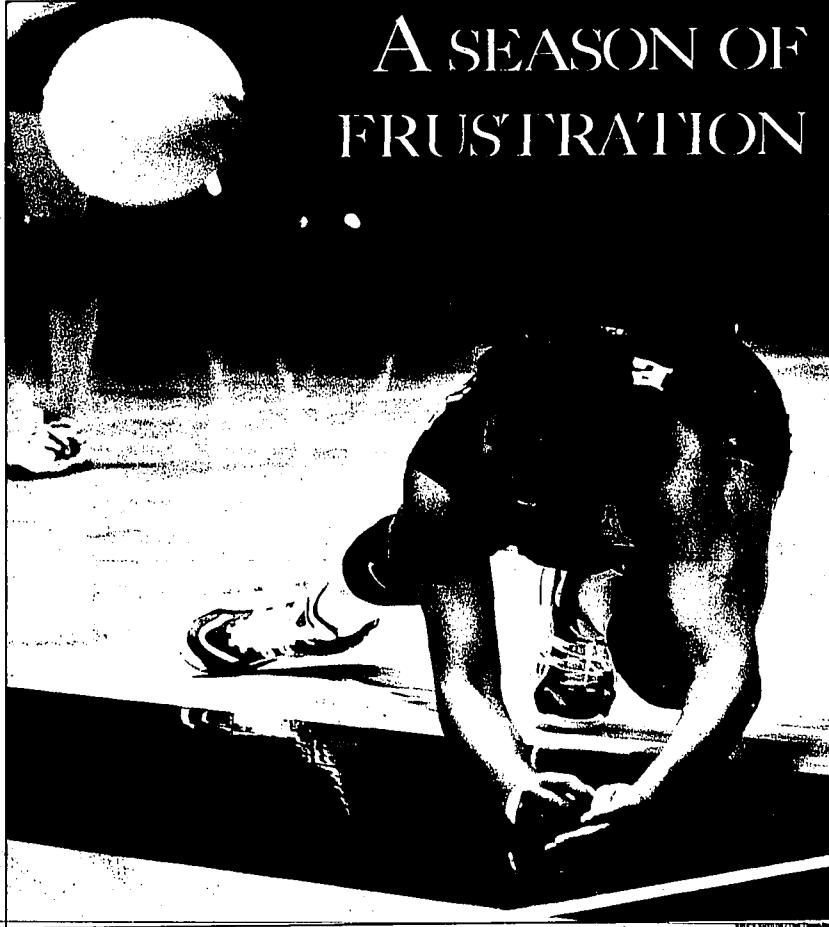
In a testy, tense affair that saw Mariners manager Lou Piniella shout a string of profanities to the Yankees coach, and for Torre after some early brushbacks, the Yankees won with power pitching and power hitting.

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New York Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens delivers in the first inning against the Seattle Mariners in Game 4 of the ALCS Saturday.

A SEASON OF FRUSTRATION



College of Southern Idaho middle blocker Tamksia Moore hopes to salvage a season limited by injuries.



Series of injuries have slowed CSI hitter

By Joe Sumner
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — This was supposed to be Tamksia Moore's time to shine. The pieces were in place for the College of Southern Idaho sophomore to have the type of season that makes Division I volleyball scouts drool in their notebooks. With a little luck and hard work, schools from around the country would be coming to see her do what she does best.

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They would see her explosive athleticism — Moore can touch the rim of a basketball hoop and easily gets head and shoulders above a volleyball net. They would see her ability to stop an opponent's spike dead in the air — she ranked second in the Snake River West Athletic Conference as a freshman, collecting an average of 1.24 every game.

And finally, this would be the year that showcased the giant arm swing

that produced 273 kills last season in one of the nation's most potent offenses.

So far, however, things haven't worked out as planned.

"This season has been frustrating as hell," Moore said. "I think my sophomore year is more important than my freshman year because my performance makes or breaks me. I am going. And so far I have been sitting on the bench half the time

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Burley leads strong soccer showing

By Matt Peterson
Times-News writer

IDAO FALLS — One team is in the championship game. Another is out of the tournament.

And two more are fighting for their soccer lives after Saturday's first round of the Class A, Division II District IV-VI Tournament in Idaho Falls.

Of the four local squads involved, the Burley High boys' team fared the best, winning an overtime penalty kick battle over Bonneville to advance to the tournament's championship game against top-ranked Century on Wednesday in Pocatello.

On the other side, stands the Jerome High girls' team, which dropped a pair of games Saturday and was eliminated from the tournament.

The Jerome boys' team and Burley girls' team both kept their state dreams alive by rebounding from morning losses with afternoon victories.

All of Saturday's games were at Idaho Falls. The remaining tournament games, however, will be played on the higher-seeded team's home field.

Boys' Tournament
Bonneville 2, Jerome 1
No. 4 seeded Bonneville scored twice in the first half,

including a penalty-kick goal by goalkeeper Tyler Rutz in the 25th minute, then withstood a late Jerome rally to hold on for the win.

The No. 3-ranked Tigers, who played the entire game with the minimum 11 players, got on the board in the 72nd minute with a goal from junior Daniel Carteron.

But the late goal proved too little too late.

"I'm happy with the way things went," said Jerome coach Vince Gibson. "I'd rather come this way around (the bracket). ... These guys are tired, and we're tired and I'd rather play another tired team (in the second round)."

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Saturday's scores

Boys' Tournament

Century 10, Blackfoot 0
Bonneville 2, Jerome 1
Burley 1, Bonneville 1
(Burley 2 on penalty kicks)

Century 1, Blackfoot 1 (2OT)

Girls' Tournament

Century 6, Jerome 0
Bonneville 1, Burley 0
Burley 4, Jerome 0
Blackfoot 2, Bonneville 1 (2OT)

Next up

Boys' Tournament

Both games are Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. on the higher-seeded team's home field.

No. 2 Burley at No. 1 Century

No. 4 Bonneville at No. 3 Jerome (loser out)

Girls' Tournament

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No. 2 Blackfoot at No. 1 Century

No. 4 Bonneville at No. 3 Burley (loser out)

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Section C

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TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls

High School boys' soccer team

advanced to the Class A-1, Div. 1 regional championship game with a close win over Highland

Saturday.

The Bruins (13-3) fell behind in the first

minute of play, but went on the

attack in the second half for a

commanding 3-1 win.

"It was our best game of the

season," said Twin Falls coach

Trent Felton.

But it was not a game easily

won.

Highland, coming off a double-

overtime win over Pocatello,

was rough on the

Bruins, collecting three

yellow cards

throughout the

game — two for reckless charges

and one given to the coach for

unsportsmanlike conduct — and

numerous foul calls.

"We were down here with tired

legs, but that's no excuse,"

Highland coach Randy Best said.

"Twin Falls took it to us the

entire game."

The Rams (9-4-3) jumped out to a 1-0 lead less than a minute into action. A Bruin player was caught tripping in the box, and Ram Nick Box took the penalty kick. Box's shot went past Twin Falls goalie Darren Van Hofwegen's hands for Highland's only goal of the game.

But that didn't get the Bruins

down.

"I would've been more nervous

if they had gotten it at the end,"

Felton said. "I knew that we

would have plenty of chances to

level it as long ... we kept playing

our game."

Twin Falls had several chances to score throughout the half, but each time the Ram keeper got a hand on it.

"We had twice as many chances

— maybe three times," said Bruin coach Cindy Payne.

Twin Falls finally-got its

retention about 15 minutes into the second half. Forward Matt McFarlin went down and the Bruins took a shot at a penalty kick.

Cory Sayre kicked the ball past the Ram keeper, evening the score at 1-1.

That goal switched the Rams' style of play as they no longer

were just protecting a goal.

"Highland was ahead, they were just defending," Felton said. "Once we got a goal, they had to come out and attack, and that opened up some opportunities for us to score."

Within five minutes of the

Bruin penalty kick, Twin Falls

scored, going ahead 2-1.

McFarlin dribbled to the side of

the goal, and when the Ram

goalie was just

protecting it.

"I saw the keeper coming out

and I knew that Brock was in the

middle," McFarlin said. "So I slide-tackled him and Brock put it in."

With seven minutes remaining,

senior Joey Machala put the

game out of reach on a corner

kick — the first the Bruins had

seen go in all season.

"It was kind of lucky," Felton

said. "The Ram keeper helped the ball in. We'll have to thank him."

With the win — the Bruins

advanced to the championship

game Wednesday, but will not

know who they face until after

Tuesday's tournament match.

Highland will play Pocatello, a

3-1 winner over Minico in the

City Cup Saturday, on Tuesday

for a shot at the Bruins.

SPORTS

KILLER SWINGS

Hagerman, Murtaugh advance

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN — What began as a night of upsets ended with top seeds Hagerman and Murtaugh setting up for a showdown.

Closing out the first day of play at the Magic Valley Conference Volleyball Tournament Saturday inside Hagerman High's Prince Memorial Gymnasium, the top-seeded Lady Pirates (15-2) dispatched upset-minded Castleford 15-7, 15-8, while No. 2 Murtaugh (13-4) easily disposed of Oakley 15-0, 15-7.

Earlier, the No. 5 Lady Wolves advanced for the match against Hagerman with a 16-14, 15-11 win over fourth-seeded Raft River, while No. 6 Oakley shocked No. 3 Hansen 15-8, 15-6.

The wins by Hagerman and Murtaugh pair the top conference rivals, who split on the regular season, in the tournament championship Monday at 8 p.m.

Both coaches said that match should be determined at the net.

"I think the key is we have to block," said Red Devils coach Amber Hadden.

Hagerman coach Susie Choules echoed Hadden's words.

"We really need to block," Choules said. "We also have to pass very well and have good serve-receive. It's kind of where we struggled when we lost them."

Other matches Monday see a loser-out affair between Raft River and Oakley at 6 p.m.; Hansen faces Castleford at 7 p.m.

Hagerman won the Magic Valley Conference junior varsity tournament Saturday, with Oakley in second, Raft River placing third and Hansen finishing fourth.

Murtaugh def. Oakley 15-0, 15-7

The Lady Red Devils made quick work of the Hornets.

Senior Karli Ward served six aces and 11 points and slammed six kills and teammate Beibhany Gunnell had 14 service points to go along with six kills.

"I thought we had excellent passing," Hadden said. "I like that we came out a little pumped up. It was a pretty solid hitting night."

Red Devils middle blocker Stephanie Tolman chipped in two kills. Oakley was led by the seven kills of Sarah Lloyd.

Hagerman def. Castleford 15-7, 15-8

"Nobody comes into our house and pushes



LORIAN WIERNSMA/The Times-News

Castleford High's Lorriann Wiersma, a junior middle blocker, hits the ball Saturday against Raft River at the Magic Valley Conference Volleyball Tournament. Wiersma and the Wolves beat Raft River in two games to open the tourney, which continues on Monday and wraps up Tuesday.

us around!"

Host Hagerman lived up to the banner hanging inside its gym, putting down a mild Castleford (9-22) uprising in straight sets.

"We're kind of been struggling in the middle position," Choules said, "but we played good defense and passed well when they came after us."

Junior Teresa Owsley led the Lady Pirates

Upcoming tournaments

- A-1 M.V. Conference, continues Tuesday in Hagerman
- A-4 Northside Conference, starts Monday in Gooding
- A-2 SCIC tourney, starts Monday in Filer
- A-1, Div. II tourney, starts Tuesday at Bonneville H.S.
- A-1, Div. I tourney, starts Tuesday at Twin Falls H.S.
- A-3 Canyon Conference, starts Tuesday in Hazleton

with eight kills and teammates Drew Choules and Melissa Wise added three kills apiece.

Oakley def. Hansen 15-8, 15-6

Oakley grabbed an early 5-2 advantage as mistake-prone Hansen had trouble returning the ball on serve-receive. Sarah Lloyd delivered three early points for the early Hornets' lead.

The girls in red extended the lead to 13-8 on four service points by Stephanie Miton. Then, after weathering two Husky attacks, Oakley put Game 1 away with a Hansen hitting error and a dink by Lloyd.

"We're starting to talk better and work as a team," Lloyd said.

"It was only Oakley's third win of the season. 'It's come ready to win,' said Hornets coach Rosaleen Lear.

Castleford def. Raft River 15-14, 15-7

It was the Wolves' first win this season over the Trojans (11-7), and for Castleford coach Karen Maves, it couldn't have come at a better time.

"This is great," she said. "We tried taking them out of their hitting rotation and practiced (close) situations to get ready."

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Sooners say 'later' to Kansas State

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While probably knocking the Wildcats (6-1, 2-1 Big 12) out of the national title chase, the Sooners (6-0, 3-0) jumped into contention themselves.

In back-to-back games, Oklahoma routed then-No. 11 Texas 63-14 and handed the Wildcats their first home loss in 26 games. The Sooners will have a week to rest before facing top-ranked Nebraska at home Oct. 28.

"I couldn't be happier," said second-year coach Bob Stoops, who was once an assistant at Kansas State. "We'll take a week off, and get ready to play."

LT Fletcher broke a 93-yard kickoff return to set up the go-ahead touchdown in the first quarter for Oklahoma, which had lost five in a row to Kansas State.

The Wildcats are 1-18 against Top 10 teams under coach Bill Snyder.

No. 1 Nebraska 56, Texas Tech 3

LUBBOCK, Texas — Eric Crouch ran for two touchdowns and threw for another, all in the first half.

Nebraska (6-0, 3-0 Big 12) had its first breather since a 49-13 victory over San Jose State in its opener. In the last three games, the Huskers needed overtime to beat Notre Dame, played a close first half against Missouri and led Iowa State by only a point in the third quarter. It was the worst loss in Red Raider history.

No. 5 Clemson 35, Maryland 14

CLEMSON, S.C. — Woody Dantzler ran for two touchdowns and Alex Adley tied a Clemson record with three interceptions.

Dantzler was 10-of-19 for 186 yards, and ran for 87 yards. Travis Zachery had a career-high 151 yards rushing.

Minnesota 29, No. 6 Ohio St. 17

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ron Johnson had a TD pass and came up with big catches on three other scoring drives as Minnesota ended a half-century of frustration.

Johnson finished with eight catches for 163 yards and a 3-yard TD catch, while Redmon had 30 carries for 118 yards for



Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel, right, unloads a pass while in the arms of Kansas State defender Milton Proctor during the second half Saturday.

AP photo

Saturday's Stars

- Drew Brees threw for 239 yards and five touchdowns and added 56 yards rushing as No. 21 Purdue beat No. 17 Northwestern 28.
- George Godsey passed for 333 yards and four first-half touchdowns as Georgia beat West Virginia 52-30.
- Joey Harrington was 25-for-42 for 382 yards and four touchdowns as No. 9 Oregon beat Southern Cal 28-17.
- Rex Grossman was 14-for-23 for 243 yards and five touchdowns as No. 10 Florida beat No. 19 Auburn 38-7.
- Sophomore Tony Romo threw for 283 yards and six touchdowns to lead Eastern Illinois to a 48-7 victory over Murray.

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No. 7 Florida St. 63, Duke 14

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Chris Weinke ran for five touchdowns and a school-record 536 yards as Florida State bounced back from last week's loss at Miami.

Weinke, who has passed for 1,032 yards in the last two games, passed for 446 yards and four TDs in the first half as the Seminoles (6-1, 4-0 ACC) built a 42-0 first-half lead.

No. 9 Oregon 28, USC 17

LOS ANGELES — Joey Harrington picked the Southern Cal defense apart, throwing for 382 yards and four touchdowns. The loss was also the third in as many weeks for USC (3-3, 0-3), which was ranked eighth after a 3-0 start.

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No. 14 Georgia 29, Vanderbilt 19

ATHENS, Ga. — Cornerback Tim Wansley scored on a blocked extra point and a 62-yard interception return.

The Bulldogs (5-1, 3-1 SEC) struggled on offense and lost quarterback Quincy Carter to a sprained left shoulder in the fourth quarter. Carter threw a 67-yard touchdown pass to Terrence Edwards, and scored on an 8-yard run.

No. 16 Southern Miss 56, Tulane 24

NEW ORLEANS — Dwayne Woods ran for 143 yards and three touchdowns in Southern Miss' fifth straight victory.

Tulane's Kris Coleman scored on a 1-yard run with 1:00 left in the game as the fast rushing touchdown allowed by the Golden Eagles (5-1, 2-0 Conference USA) in 36 quarters dating to last season.

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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at
Giants (4-2)

Key elements: Cowboy RB Emmitt Smith is a giant killer. In his last 15 games, he's had 234 carries for 1,494 yards and 13 touchdowns. While catching 60 passes for 350 yards and three touchdowns. After rushing for 562 yards in their first three games (3-0), the Giants have been limited to 221 in their past three (1-2).

The L.A. Times pick: Giants. Defenses look forward to facing Cowboys.

11 a.m.
Falcons (2-4)
at
Rams (5-0)

Key elements: The Falcon offense isn't firing on all cylinders. Atlanta has gone one consecutive quarter without a TD. St. Louis has scored 30 or more points in an NFL record 11 consecutive games. The Rams have given up 145 points (29.0) after giving up only 135 points (13.5) in their first 10 games in 1999.

The L.A. Times pick: St. Louis. Both can Falcons hold Rams to 41 again?

11 a.m.
Chargers (0-6)
at
Bills (2-3)

Key elements: The Bills have been limited to 16 points or fewer in four games. The Chargers are 0-6 for the first time since 1975, when they finished 2-12. Freddie Jones has been the Chargers' lone offensive spark, topping NFL tight ends with 30 catches and 311 yards receiving.

The L.A. Times pick: Buffalo. Riley's quarterback choice is new grocery store dilemma: Wet paper or torn plastic?

11 a.m.
Ravens (5-1)
at
Redskins (4-2)

Key elements: Matt Stover's nine field goals are all the Ravens have managed in their past two games (2-0). They're 5-1 for the first time in their five-year history. The Redskins have won 17 of their 21 games and fewer than 100 yards rushing in three consecutive games.

The L.A. Times pick: Washington. Would like to pick Ravens, but touchdowns matter.

11 a.m.
Raiders (4-1)
at
Chiefs (3-2)

Key elements: The Raiders are 2-3 in their past 16 trips to Arrowhead Stadium (including playoffs) dating to 1985. Oakland WR Tim Brown (796) needs four catches to become the eighth player in NFL history with 800 career receptions. Raiders rookie CB Sebastian Janikowski is 0-for-4 from 40-plus yards.

The L.A. Times pick: Oakland. Chiefs rank 25th against the run, and Raiders are solid.

11 a.m.
Panthers (2-3)
at
Saints (2-3)

Key elements: The Saints defense has given up only six touchdowns. The Carolina defense has yielded only one in their last 10 games. New Orleans WR Ricky Williams has topped 100 yards rushing in three consecutive games, surpassing his total for 1999.

The L.A. Times pick: New Orleans. Saints are making progress, and they beat Panthers once last season too.

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Bengals (0-5)
at
Steelers (2-3)

Key elements: The Bengals have given up 150 or more yards rushing in three consecutive games. Cincinnati's woeful offense has been shut out in three of its last four. The Bengals are 0-5 for the first time in the past 10 seasons.

The L.A. Times pick: Pittsburgh. Jerome Bettis could start at quarterback and Steelers would win this one.

2:05 p.m.
Broncos (3-3)
at
Browns (2-4)

Key elements: Drafting Brown No. 1 overall has paid off, as the Browns have 17 sacks in six games after totaling 15 in 1999. Denver has lost its past two games at Mile High Stadium. Bronco kicker Jason Elam has converted on 27 consecutive PATs, second-longest streak in NFL history.

The L.A. Times pick: Denver. Another injury? No problem. Broncos have endless supply of running backs.

2:05 p.m.
Colts (3-1)
at
Seahawks (2-4)

Key elements: Colt RB Edgerrin James has been held to fewer than 100 yards in his last three of the past four games. In the past six meetings, the Seahawks have turned over the ball 32 times in their past 13 games (3-10). Seattle quarterbacks have been sacked three or more times in the past six meetings.

The L.A. Times pick: Indianapolis. Huard was 11-4 at Husky Stadium for Washington. Make it 1-1 for Seahawks.

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Jets (4-1)
at
Patriots (2-4)

Key elements: The Jets have yielded only seven sacks in their past nine games. Patriot QB Drew Bledsoe has not quite as fortunate, as his banged up offensive line has given up 72 sacks in the past 18 games (6-12). The Jets are almost as bad at third down as the Patriots have been since 1989-91.

The L.A. Times pick: New England. Road back from 0-4 continues. Won't look 19-7 lead against Jets again.

2:15 p.m.
Eagles (3-3)
at
Cardinals (2-3)

Key elements: Philadelphia is 6-1 in its past seven trips to Sun Devil Stadium. The Cards are 3-2 in their past 27 regular-season road games. Cardinal RB Michael Pittman has 428 yards from scrimmage, compared to 465 in 1999.

The L.A. Times pick: Philadelphia. Eagles almost beat Washington without Duane Staley, so ought to be able to handle Cardinals.

2:15 p.m.
49ers (2-4)
at
Packers (2-4)

Key elements: Including the playoffs, San Francisco has lost in a row at Lambeau Field dating to 1996. Niner QB Jeff Garcia has thrown nine touchdown passes in the past three games to take over the NFL lead with 15. Packers quarterback Brett Favre is 6-1 in the 49ers, throwing for 1,012 yards and 12 touchdowns.

The L.A. Times pick: San Francisco. It's a mild upset. Just remember: The Packers lost to the Bears.

6:20 p.m.
Vikings (5-0)
at
Bears (1-5)

Key elements: The Vikings are 7-1 in their past eight trips to the Windy City. Minnesota QB Daunte Culpepper has thrown two or more touchdown passes in three consecutive games. Bears rookie LB Brian Urlacher leads team with 60 tackles and has 1 sack in each of the past four games.

The L.A. Times pick: Minnesota. Vikings have been winning close ones. This one won't be.

Monday, 7 p.m.
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Titans (4-1)

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If they can stop Rison and the rest of the Raiders, including quarterback Rich Gannon, another Chiefs fan, Kansas City's Chris Cifari, the Chiefs will win their fourth in a row and move into a first-place tie with the Raiders.

Besides, it's Raiders week in Kansas City. The long and heated rivalry did not cool down one bit when Gunther Cunningham became Chiefs head coach. A former Oakland assistant, he left the Raiders after clashing with owner Al Davis.

"Gun always makes a big point about it every time we play," said Chiefs' linebacker Donnie Edwards. "It's very personal to him and to this organization."

Adding even more fuel to the fire is the overtime victory the Raiders pulled off in Kansas City last year, coming back from a 17-point deficit to knock the Chiefs out of the playoffs.

For both teams, the trick may be to cool the passions.

"I'm sure they don't want to go in there and flop around and not play well," said Gannon.

"He's got a great deal of pride. But we don't want to put any pressure on him."

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MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

Cards fly high

Upstart St. Louis shows New York the door early

NEW YORK (AP) — The St. Louis Cardinals sent a clear message from the start: Don't stock up on those subway tokens just yet.

Left for dead after losing the first two games in St. Louis, the Cardinals jumped on Rick Reed and the Mets early and delayed New York's Subway Series planning with an 8-2 win Saturday in Game 3 of the NL championship series.

NLCS Game 4
St. Louis (Kile) at N.Y. Mets (D. Cone)
Today, 5:30 p.m. (FOX)

Andy Benes pitched eight strong innings for his first post-season win, Edgar Renteria had two RBIs and two runs scored, and nine Cardinals starters had hits as St. Louis offense broke out after being held to seven runs at home.

History is still on the Mets' side: Only three teams have won a best-of-seven series after dropping the first two games at home.

NEW YORK (AP) — Maybe Rick Reed's video library needs to be updated.

The New York Mets eight-handers did some homework by looking at St. Louis Cardinals tapes in preparation for his start Saturday in Game 3 of the National League championship series. He could not have learned very much.

The Cardinals, handicapped by lefties Mike Hampton and Al Leiter in the first two games of the series, mauled Reed for five runs on eight hits in less than four innings and beat the Mets 8-2. St. Louis trails the best-of-seven series 2-1.

Reed, 11-5 in the regular season, has struggled in two starts against the Cardinals' predominantly left-handed lineup, giving up eight runs on 13 hits in nine innings.

That trend continued Saturday when the right-hander lasted just 3 1/3 innings, allowing five runs and eight hits.

The Cardinals scored two runs



St. Louis' Edgar Renteria singles in the fourth inning, driving in a run during Game 3 of the NLCS against the New York Mets Saturday at Shea Stadium.

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With the fans on their feet waving white towels, McGwire skied a fly ball to left field that Benny Agbayani caught well in front of the warning track, keeping St. Louis' lead at 5-1. That was about all the crowd of 55,693 had to cheer about.

With the Yankees and Mets both moving within two wins of the World Series, talk around New York has centered on the possibility of the team's first Subway Series in 44 years.

The Cardinals damped that quickly. After trailing 2-0 before even batting in the first two games, St. Louis returned the favor at Shea Stadium.

Fernando Vina lined a leadoff single to left and Renteria reached when third baseman Robin Ventura mislaid his sacrifice bunt for an error.

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Time ticks for Tino

SEATTLE — Tino Martinez's days as a Yankee could be winding down. It's hardly a secret. When the club picked up the option in spring training, it pointed him to drop the no-trade clause in his contract. In July, the Yankees were said to have investigated a deal that would have sent Martinez to Baltimore for B.J. Surhoff and Jeff Conine.

Mo Vaughn, who might be made available by Anaheim, has always fascinated Yankee owner George Steinbrenner, and it's a much stiffer first-base option. This defensive production this year was in noticeable decline — his 16 home runs were his lowest total since his first full year with the Mariners in 1992, his 91 runs batted in marked the first time he hasn't surpassed 100 since 1994.

And yet, what Martinez has been doing since the season ended — what he did against the Yankees, night after night, in a 8-2 win on the road at Safeco Field — is strongly in his case for another year in the Bronx.

So much of the Yankee decision-making is based on the money game.

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Commentary
Larry Stone

he deserves to be back in that case. All the Yankees have done since the Mariners reluctantly traded him, along with Jeff Nelson, after the 1995 midseason, is win three games in a row. That should account for something, he believes, and for Steinbrenner, it always has.

Torre has said in recent days that Tino appears more relaxed at the plate. It's an interesting choice of words. In June, Torre caused the normally placid Martinez to bristle when he told reporters that his first baseman seemed to be

preoccupied. "I'm battling my own beliefs and I'm battling my manager," Martinez said when Torre's remarks were relayed.

He said the quote was taken out of context, that he had no rift with his manager. Now that everything has been sorted out, the rhythm and the stroke and the approach to each hitting, Tino is as reluctant to analyze the recovery as he was to examine the troubles that preceded it. He laughed Friday as waves of reporters kept asking him what had turned it around for him.

"I knew, I would have hit well all season," he said. "I'm serious. I will tell you the answer. It was the same thing when I was struggling. If I knew why I wasn't hitting, I would have fixed it."

Martinez, of course, has seen both sides of the Yankee-Mariner postseason dance. He was a major part of Seattle's magical run in '95, when the Yankees came back to the second baseline directly after a home run by Bernie Williams, gave the Yankees a 2-1 lead they wouldn't give back. And his number for a single in the fifth allowed the Yankees to score an extra run that seemed like it would be huge, at least until they broke the game open with four more in the ninth.

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Cardinals were quick to figure out Reed

Playoff notebook

in the first before Reed retired a batter and after he had thrown just eight pitches. All five of the lefties in the St. Louis lineup contributed to the 14-hit attack as the Cardinals went 7-for-16 with runs in scoring position.

The Cardinals got to see another right-hander, Bobby Jones, in Game 4 today before the lefties return. Jones may be tougher, considering he is 10 with a 3.86 ERA in two starts against St. Louis, holding them to a .216 average, and is coming off of a one-hitter that clinched the Mets' first-round series victory over the Giants.

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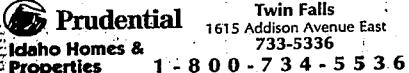

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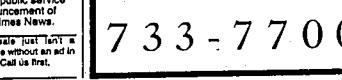
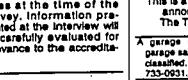
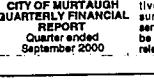
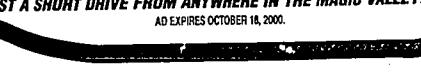
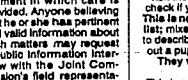
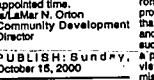
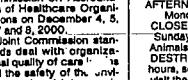
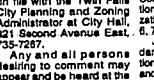
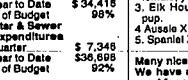
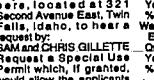
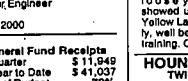
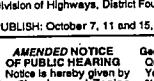
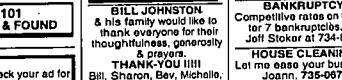
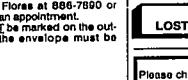
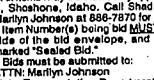
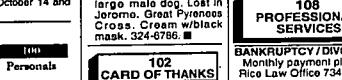
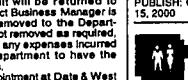
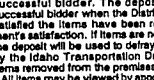
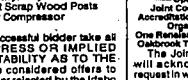
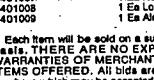
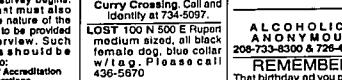
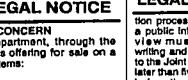
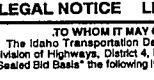
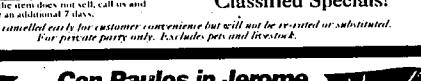
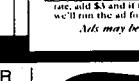
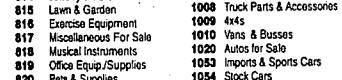
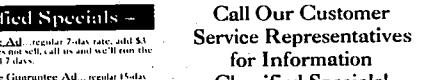
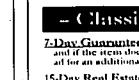
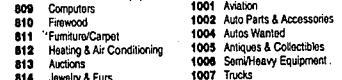
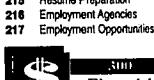
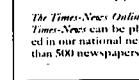
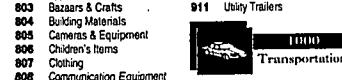
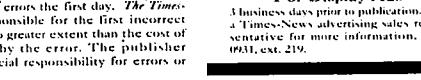
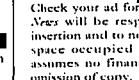
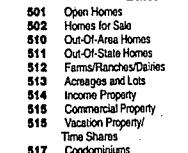
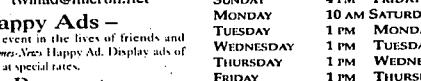
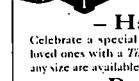
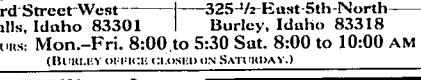
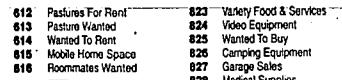



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1200-1400 Holly
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ROUTE 719
1100-1200 5th 11th Ave. East
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900-1000 Blue Blk Lakes Blvd.
1000-1400 Bk Poplar Ave.

ROUTE 733
1000-1200 Brundage Circle
1000-1300 Galena
1200-1300 Madrona Dr

ROUTE 741
2400-2600 4th Ave E
200-2801 Eastgate Dr.
300-400 Wildbrush Cr.
200-500 Carriage

ROUTE 746
1800-2000 4th Ave E
400-500 Bk of Madrona
200-400 Morningside Dr
400 bk of Wekefield

ROUTE 830
100-200 Madison Street

ROUTE 831
200-400 Monroe Street

ROUTE 821
100-700 2nd and 2nd Ave. E.

ROUTE 822
100-500 5th 3rd Ave E
200-600 4th Ave E

ROUTE 823
700-800 Meadows Dr.
4-10 Robbins Ave.
700 Washington St. N.

ROUTE 824
100-400 Bk. Dubois

ROUTE 825
500 Bk. B. B. C. Ave.
200-500 Bk. Filer Ave. W.
100-200 Bk. Wirsching

ROUTE 826
400 Bk. Addison Ave. W.
100-200 Bk. Camry Casa Grande Court
500 Bk. Shoup Ave. W.

ROUTE 827
400 Bk. Rose St. N.
100-200 Bk. Elaine Ave.

ROUTE 828
200-400 Bk. Falls Ave.

ROUTE 829
100-400 Bk. Robbins Ave.

ROUTE 830
700-800 Bk. Sparks St.

ROUTE 831
400 Bk. Rose St. N.

ROUTE 832
900 Bk. Blake St. North
200-300 Bk. B. B. C. Ave.

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100-400 Bk. Falls W.
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jack, engine hoist or char-

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of free weights, (1) boys

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or less truck for a for-

mer, car stands or other

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Trailer. Used or new.

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plano, 6' or larger. Wid

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in good condition,

medium to small size.

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ized Barndoor. Please

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WANTED 16' enclosed

car trailer. Want excellent

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duvet, pillows, duvet

covers, headboard,

nightstand, dresser with

mirror. Call 328-4059.

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Scout. Shirts, insignia,

badges, uniforms, etc.

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leg bands. Will pay \$10

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Paul Nutting, 733-1691

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827 GARAGE SALES

BUHL 821 Sprague, Oct.

13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, Sat &

29, 30, 31, 2000, 6-5.

Swingset, furniture, wood-

burning stove, tools, toys,

etc. Many nice items.

KIMBERLY 751 740 Center

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CHEVY '97 Cavalier 4dr. 100K miles. \$10,000. Call 334-5501-539-5063.

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CHRYSLER '98 Laser, 4 cyl, 2 dr hatchback, 5000.

CHRYSLER, New York, 50, white/blue, 28k. New, \$10,800. 733-5062.

DODGE Aspen, '97, 4 dr, 4 engine, 5 spd. AC, PS, 62K mi. Exc. cond. \$6800. 734-0330.

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GRAND AM 1993, 121K miles. 4-dr., Exc. cond. \$3800/offer. 734-3756.

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FORD Escort Wagon, 1994, BO K mi., \$2,500. Call 438-0688.

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PROFIT in FLEA MARKETS



Don and Thelma Knopp found their avocation of 30-plus years turned into their vocation after they retired from farming. Thelma Knopp has a variety of glassware to offer customers at the weekend market in Filer, while her husband offers refurbished antique furniture.

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Treasure hunt yields full-time work

By Julie Pence
Times-News correspondent

FILER — The lust for the hunt has reaped unexpected bounty for some Magic Valley treasure seekers. Every Saturday and Sunday during the fall and winter months, folks with a penchant for collectibles arrive at the Filer fairgrounds hoping to hit upon that one special find of a lifetime.

Steady streams of young mothers with small children, couples, grandmas and grandpas peruse the aisles of a well-established flea market, stopping here and there to examine a piece of crystal or china, study a book collection or haggle with a vendor.

Patience and staying power are required to take it all in — the lamps, glassware, furniture and other myriad effects. But in sifting through the profusion of odds and ends to separate out the true-prizes, some have discovered their fun has developed into full-time work.

From collecting to commandingeer

Norland resident, Dana Cameron especially likes collecting Depression glass and primitives such as old coffee pots and wagon wheels. About four years ago she realized she had so much that it was time to clear out the clutter. That's when she started selling some of those collectibles at the Filer flea market.

But her desire to collect had not subsided. She used her profits of about \$150 a month to buy more.

"It was my hobby," she said.

Little did she know that soon the humble sum would turn into 10 times that amount.

A year later, that's the proportion of the show turned the twice-a-month affair over to Cameron. That marked a beginning of a round of hectic but exhilarating events that made Cameron a full-time businesswoman.

It didn't take her long to learn how to run the market, and soon

Flea market

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• Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays.
• To obtain a special Cell Dana Cameron at 633-24439. Spaces are \$40 each per weekend.

she was promoting Magic Valley flea markets pretty much year-round by increasing the number of shows at Filer and holding charity flea markets throughout the summer in Twin Falls. She also expanded into antique shows in both the Magic and Wood River valleys.

Then, she earned an appraiser's license, which qualifies her to conduct estate sales. All the while, she kept selling her collectibles at the flea market and her home.

Cameron had stumbled upon her true talent.

"I guess I'm a born salesman," Cameron said.

And the work has other benefits.

"I'm my own boss," she said. "It's my own business that I've built up all along."

Though her newfound vocation suits her well, she doesn't kid herself about the hours — or the pay. "I work about 65 hours a week. I'm on the road a lot. I'm the janitor and the bookkeeper. I have to do all the advertising, make sure the insurance is taken care of and keep everybody happy," she said.

"Everybody" amounts to about 40 and 50 vendors at each show.

Netting \$1,500 on an average month might not pencil out as the greatest hourly wage, but Cameron figures she is still making more than she would after taxes at the bank job she once had.

Cleaning house and cashing in

Retired farmers Don and Thelma Knopp, who live south of Burley, say



Rupert resident Gloria Adams says she spends every spare minute in search of or selling treasures that are usually more valuable in terms of meaning than of money.

they have been collecting for more than 30 years. Thelma Knopp's favorite collections are of antique head vases and silhouette pictures. Don Knopp finds and refinishes antique furniture.

"I gathered so much I had to do something about it," said Thelma Knopp, a grandmother who laughs a bit sheepishly when she admits the house was overflowing with found treasures.

Six years ago the two moved some of their collectibles to Snow's Antiques & Sleigh Works at 136 Main Ave. N. in Twin Falls. They worked out a deal so they would run the shop on Mondays and during the shop owner's vacations. Though Twin Falls is farther to travel than Burley, they said they see more shoppers in Twin Falls.

In addition to marketing their wares at the flea market and the



During fall and winter, Dana Cameron will be found on alternating weekends greeting customers at a well-attended flea market in Filer. Her husband, Greg Cameron, left, often helps her supervise, set up and clean up after the show that she took over almost three years ago.

antique shop, they also sell from home. And they say they make more money at this business than they receive from Social Security.

During winter the couple travel to Arizona and San Diego, to spend the better part of three months buying more collectibles to bring back to Idaho.

"We're busier now than when we both worked full time," Don Knopp, 70, said half seriously.

It's clear the only rocking chairs in this couple's future will be the ones they sell. They said they plan on doing this work as long as it is physically possible.

Hooked on the hunt

Self-proclaimed "junk lady" Gloria Adams said she has been into collecting for about 15 years.

"I just started buying for my own pleasure," she said. "You know, I like it all."

Adams said she is most passionate about finding things that symbolize deep meaning.

"I'm not necessarily looking for the well-known, expensive piece. There are certain old things that represent attachment to soul," she said. "You just know somebody loved it."

Today, she said, those are the kinds of things people are looking for to lend character to their homes.

Adams said she spends her 60- to 70-hour work weeks going to auctions, estate sales and garage sales. When she isn't searching for treasures, she is "packing, unpacking, cleaning, sorting, shelving and pricing — then starting it all over again."

She displays at Goudfellow's Antiques & Collectibles in Twin Falls and Hoggan's Leather & Canvas in Rupert. She also sells through the Internet on auction site eBay.

At this point, though, her work is panning out more as a labor of love.

"I'm still just hanging in there," Adams said, referring to her monthly average-of-around \$1,000 after expenses.

She said she continues because she is consumed with the lifestyle.

"I've met the most wonderful people," she said. "But the most exciting thing is the treasure hunt."

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'Bluetooth for plastics'

Companies look to resolve the car-cell phone issue

Newsday

In one of the more oft-quoted scenes in cinema, the young Dustin Hoffman is succinctly lectured by one of his father's business friends about how to spend his future.

"Plastics," the man tells "The Graduate."

That was in 1971. Fast-forward to 2000, and substitute "Bluetooth" for "plastics."

Bluetooth may, in fact, also spell the future of cellular phones and provide a way around the new laws that regulate DWT—driving while talking.

The Bluetooth technology, developed by electronics giants IBM, Intel, Toshiba and others, is one likely way to allow drivers to keep their hands free while still communicating in a mobile environment.

Bluetooth-equipped devices employ a shortwave radio frequency for short-distance transmission, which would allow a driver with a minime attached to his or her shirt to communicate using a computer hidden in the trunk.

But Bluetooth is only one of the potential alternatives to a driver holding a phone to his ear while piloting a vehicle. Because of recent public attention to the inherent dangers in talking while driving, phone companies are gearing up to offer these options.

Earlier this month, Suffolk County, N.Y., lawmakers approved a measure that would subject drivers to a \$150 fine for anyone caught holding a phone and talking or listening while driving. Hands-free devices in a vehicle, such as headsets or speaker sets, would be allowed. The bill would become law if County Executive Robert Gaffney signs it by early November.

While the wireless industry had initially disputed claims that wireless phones cause accidents, that stance has softened. Earlier this month, in the face of the proposal by Suffolk lawmakers, a spokesman for Verizon Wireless said his company does support drivers using hands-free devices. In Chicago recently, the same company agreed to support a

proposal for the state of Illinois to mandate hands-free devices in cars with a three-year phase-in period.

"We support teaching people how to use their phones safely while driving," said Kathleen Dunleavy, a spokeswoman for Sprint PCS. "We stress that they use common sense."

While systems that employ the Bluetooth electronics are close by, Ericsson is already showing a tri-band cell phone, the R520, with an always-on Internet connection that's due in 2001. mobile phones that have a mobile phone that would aid drivers who don't want to hold the phone to their ears (although one Motorola model, the VS160, is so mini that it fits neatly into an average-sized palm).

The headsets, which plug into a universal jack on a cell phone (much in the way headphones plug into a portable stereo), allow the user to listen and talk hands-free. They cost from \$15 for basic car to \$100 for \$50, which gets you a sophisticated, minimalist headset from Jabra that incorporates a microphone into the earplug.

While wired headsets account for the majority of "hands-free" devices, the market is also booming for the more expensive kits that are installed directly into automobile cockpits.

These complete car kits, which cost for about \$100 to \$250, including installation, generally include a cradle mounted in the car for the phone and a module with speaker and mike, as well as an antenna mounted on the

car's exterior to improve reception.

Incoming calls are answered automatically through the speaker, and the phones can be programmed for a simple, one-button answer.

Less complex are the so-called "express" car kits, which work like the installed version but are powered by a plug-in adaptor to the cigarette lighter, rather than hard-wired to the car's electronic harness. This allows it to be easily moved from vehicle to vehicle. These sell for \$70 and up.

There are other solutions as well with a more high-tech bent. Sprint PCS offers a service called "Drive Safe." Customers who subscribe use a personal computer to go to a Sprint Web site and enter names, numbers and other specific information. The phone and the Web site are connected to a network; the caller pushes the "star" and "talk" button on the phone and speaks the name of the person to call, and the network dials up the number. Verizon has a similar system, called Talkback, and subscription plans are available with certain phones and subscription plans.

The after-market opportunities for such devices are expanding. This trend is likely to continue, especially as the Bluetooth technology begins to take hold.

Specifically, Bluetooth sends a powerful radio signal up to 30 feet, smoothly transferring rich streams of data and employing encryption techniques so the data cannot be pirated or corrupted. The idea is to create small, local area networks that never need to be turned off and that can constantly exchange data.

In an automobile environment, for instance, engineers see a Bluetooth-enabled network that might include a cell phone, a Palm-like PDA, the car's entertainment system and a laptop computer, all linked to receive phone calls, exchange e-mail, retrieve sports or financial information, take dictation via a digital voice recorder, and play—and even record—the latest CD from Britney Spears.

A new calling for the Net

Phone services could become more flexible

Los Angeles Times

The city of Silute, Lithuania, with a population of 22,000 and a location three hours from the national capital, is an unlikely place from which to foment a revolution.

That's particularly true of the one Staples Kairyus carries on simply by staying on the telephone for 10 years.

For the equivalent of \$10 a month, Kairyus, a 49-year-old basketball coach who has helped place 60 Lithuanian players on U.S. high school and college teams, gets to make unlimited calls to the United States. His calls to European countries often cost a tenth of standard rates.

The only sacrifice, minor one, he says—is that he has to make his calls from his home-and-mike arrangement connected to his personal computer, which enables the calls to move not over conventional phone lines, but the Internet.

"I can't imagine my life without it," he says.

Kairyus is a pioneer, but the rest of the world is not far behind. Most telephone services are moving off the traditional telephone system, on which voice communications dominate, and onto the Internet, which it will share with Web pages, video and music transmissions, and a near-infinite variety of other data.

As that change unfolds, a tidal wave of innovation will swamp the traditional telephone business—and will likely lead to lower prices and more features for consumers. The transition is already under way. Many international calls already travel, at least partially, over the Internet, and dozens of small companies have sprung up to offer free or cut-rate dialing for long-distance customers by bypassing the conventional phone system.

The big telephone companies who have traditionally depended on traditional phone technology are taking notice. "This is coming at us whether we want it or not,"

says Cathy-Ann Martine, president of the international carrier services unit of Concert, a joint venture of AT&T and British Telecommunications that will operate high-speed Internet telephone services in 60 countries, including China and Japan, by mid-2001. "It's a freight train."

More voice calls are likely to Internet, also closing the doors for nontelephone companies to offer phone service—leading to more competition that also may benefit consumers. "The idea of America Online as a telephone company is not really farfetched," Martine says. In simpler terms, Internet telephones work by breaking up the sounds of calls into a continuous stream of digital "packets" and piping them to digital networks and then to the Internet.

That's needed, because they share these networks with packets carrying Web-page data, music and video, they travel at much lower cost than a traditional voice call, which monopolizes a single circuit linking the callers.

The benefits to consumers are already becoming clear. It is not only that ordinary calls are now transmitted more cheaply. One linked automatically to a computer network, the telephone itself becomes a lot smarter.

"What's so powerful about the Internet is that your phone isn't a black box, but a Pentium III piece of hardware," says Bruce Maxwell, vice president of strategy and planning for Firetalk Communications, a Seattle-based subscriber to hold phone conversations via their computers for free. That means phone services can become as flexible and imaginative as computer programs.

Routing calls over the Internet will give service providers new opportunities to offer customers cheap conference calling, video calling and integrated voice and e-mail. Some of those services have been available for years from conventional phone companies, but at prices that made them inaccessible to most users.

Others see a day when anyone can be reached by the same phone number no matter where he or she is in the world, just as one can read one's e-mail from almost any computer. That's because inside one telephone will be a unique card that identifies it to the worldwide network the moment it is plugged into a network.

New choices bring about shift in telephone habits

Phone companies are suffering from an elemental shift in the public's telephone habits.

Twenty years ago, most people relied for almost all their calls on their monopoly local phone company and a single long-distance company; on the road the choice was a pay phone or nothing.

But that sort of enforced loyalty is a thing of the past. Even at home one can choose from a vast array of long-distance providers—one's regular service, or a "dial-around" service using the 10-10 prefix, or a phone

card available from any of dozens of providers, including some that transmit calls over the Internet, or a handy cell phone.

For many homeowners the basis of the choice is simply price.

The impact on traditional carriers has been dramatic. AT&T, the largest U.S. long-distance carrier, earlier this month sharply cut its estimates of revenue growth in part because consumers are "moving from basic long distance to wireless." In fact, most long-distance providers have cut their prices, and that's what's been anticipated, in the words of its chairman, C. Michael Armstrong. "These forces accelerated in recent months."

Source: Los Angeles Times

"There are probably more applications than anyone has even thought about," says Greg Bradley, the head of telephone services at MediaOne, the large cable system operator that provides telephone service over its own network. "The result will change the very nature of what a telephone call is."

The merging of voice and data also may improve the Web-surfing experience.

"Everything happening on the Web today will have voice attached," says David Green, president, chief operating officer of MyPhone, which provides long-distance service at cut rates over its data network. "In e-commerce it's no secret that 70 percent of (shoppers) enter the site and leave (without buying anything). What you have is a Nordstrom's without employees. But what if you had someone there telling you how something fit, or how it'll wash and wear? Every 'piece' is becoming more interactive."

As with any heavily anticipated technological revolution, how soon these applications will actually materialize is still an open question. The traditional phone system is ubiquitous and familiar—and the beneficiary of billions of dollars of investment over the years. Even the most liberal forecasters see telephone technology for at least the next 10 years.

"It takes a long time to unseat a technology," Greenblatt says. "There will always be pieces and stragglers who will never go."

The traditional phone system has another advantage over alter-

Experts: Emission ratings for cell phones may not help much

Knight Ridder News Service

In an effort to assuage consumer fears over cell-phone radiation levels, phones sold in the United States will now contain information on their emission levels. But whether these levels will tell the user anything useful about the phone's safety is a contentious issue among regulators, manufacturers and scientists.

The ratings, known as specific absorption rates, or SARs, measure radio frequency waves emitted by cell phones and absorbed by brain tissue.

Communications Commission guidelines, each call phone made and sold in the United States, limit the SAR level of 1.6 watts per kilogram over 1 gram of brain tissue.

Europe sets a level of 2.0.

"The figure (1.6) is arbitrary," said Dr. Ross Adey, a widely respected radiation biologist at the University of California at Riverside, of the FCC bar of 1.6. "It doesn't mean that any phone that just meets it is 1.6 watts of power in your head is going to be dangerous, nor does it mean any phone that's below that is inherently safe."

All cell phones sold in the United States—some 83 million of the world's 300 million mobile users—pass FCC muster. But recently, the FCC's Cellular Telephone Association asked its member manufacturers to provide the ratings to help educate the consumers, according to spokesman Travis Larson. Last year, thousands of worried cell-phone owners rushed to buy headsets and ear pieces after ABC's "20/20" aired a program suggesting links between high RF levels and brain cancer.

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In an automobile environment, for instance, engineers see a Bluetooth-enabled network that might include a cell phone, a Palm-like PDA, the car's entertainment system and a laptop computer, all linked to receive phone calls, exchange e-mail, retrieve sports or financial information, take dictation via a digital voice recorder, and play—and even record—the latest CD from Britney Spears.

The after-market opportunities for such devices are expanding. This trend is likely to continue, especially as the Bluetooth technology begins to take hold.

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Customers who subscribe use a personal computer to go to a Sprint Web site and enter names, numbers and other specific information. The phone and the Web site are connected to a network; the caller pushes the "star" and "talk" button on the phone and speaks the name of the person to call, and the network dials up the number.

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Motorola 8500	1.33	0.84
Nokia 5110	1.33	1.18
Nokia 5110i	1.33	1.67
Samsung SCH-3800	1.33	0.67
Sony Ericsson SCP-2760	1.33	0.84
Nokia 5160	1.48	1.48

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whose brains are still forming.

But the FCC stands by its position that, as far as science mandates, cell phones are safe.

"We have the support of federal agencies like FDA and EPA," said Robert Cleveland, an FCC senior scientist. "In fact, as far as we can tell, the limits are adequate and protective of public health, and we have no reason to believe they're not safe."

FCC testing guidelines require SAR levels to be measured in models of human heads filled with brain-like gel. The test results are self-reported by cell-phone manufacturers, including the studies in their own labs, and vary depending on cell-phone position and testing materials, such as the width of the model head's rubber ears.

The FCC and CTIA report they're moving toward adopting standardized and independent testing.

John Osephuk, regulatory director of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, which helps set FCC guidelines, insisted there is no reason to fear cell phones.

"There are dangers to overreacting," he said. "If this kind of thinking were around 100 years ago, then we wouldn't have cars."

vert 15,000 users by January 2002.

Other universities connected to a new academic Internet—"Internet2"—designed to avert the data logjams on the commercial network are experimenting with IP installations on their campuses.

"We're trying to find out what breaks," says Russell Morrison, systems developer for Ohio State University. OSU has 112 phones on IP, mostly in administrative offices, and is considering a broader installation some day soon. But they haven't given up their conventional phones: Morrison's phone number goes first to his conventional phone, then is automatically forwarded to his Internet phone. That way, if the Internet system breaks, he still has the old system as a backup.

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by Craig Smith

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Swank new Seattle hotel goes to the dogs

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — There's a swank new hotel in Seattle, offering massages, stunning views, VCRs, individual rooms and even escort walks.

It doesn't cater to people, though. Only to their dogs.

Central Bark Productions Inc. is one of the latest, and one of the plusher, entries into Seattle's dog care market. The 7-month-old company caters to generous dog owners, offering everything from pet boarding — complete with a fireplace and movies — to dog grooming and day care.

A number of Seattle businesses are hoping to tap the consciences and wallets of local pet owners. The hopes are based, in part, on the belief that many owners are willing to spend money to ensure their four-legged companions are happy and safe while they're at work or away, according to industry professionals.

"People are taking a more financial interest in their pets," said Kathryn Eddy, assistant director at the American Boarding Kennels Association. That "has changed how the business is perceived and what services the public demands. And I think that has made it more lucrative."

Another reason is likely the healthy U.S. economy, which is currently chugging through a record number of expansions. A healthy economy gives consumers the confidence and the cash to shell out up to \$37 for a night at Central Bark.

So far, Central Bark owner Marie Martin and other pet entrepreneurs say demand is strong for their services, which include full-service and do-it-yourself grooming facilities.

"We haven't really even touched the market," Martin said.

In 1990, the United States contained roughly 7,000 pet



Saranya Chulassavak, a dog wrangler for Central Bark Productions Inc. in Seattle, gives the day care dogs their morning treats. The new hotel for dogs offers massages, stunning views, VCRs, individual rooms and walks.

kennels, according to the American Boarding Kennels Association's Eddy. Today, that number has risen to between 9,800 and 10,000 per facilities, offering a wider range of services, she said.

Central Bark is far from alone in reaching for the hearts and wallets of Seattle pet owners. Internet service firms mylack-

ey.com and ServiceStop both target harried pet owners by offering to babysit, walk or deliver food and treats to their lonely pets.

"Certainly, the need was there," said Melinda Hinson, vice president of marketing at mylackey.com. "People are busy and working harder and longer hours."

For example, you can pay a mylackey.com employee \$16 to take your dog for a 30-minute spin around the neighborhood or \$25 to bring your pooch for a romp at an off-leash park.

Some corporations are taking notice. A few companies offer to pick up part of the tab for a dog walk, according to an official at ServicesStop, a Seattle-based

company offering a wide variety of services.

"They don't want them taking a three-hour lunch to walk their dog," said Jonathan Clemens, who founded ServiceStop. It's "a great way to hold on to the employees that they have."

So far, the number of companies willing to support pet care is relatively small, but it's growing.

As Asian economy resurges, its consumption of oil grows

The Washington Post

HONG KONG — In Hong Kong, Cathay Pacific Airlines is adding flights to accommodate extra passengers. In China, cars and trucks are logging more miles. And in South Korea, the nation's giant steel mills are boosting production in response to stronger demand.

Asia's economies are shaking off the effects of the 1997 financial crisis more rapidly than almost anyone expected. But as it rumbles back to life, this region is gulping oil again, boosting worldwide demand for energy and making it much easier for oil-producing nations to maintain higher prices.

Just as the implosion of boom-and-bust economies three years ago triggered a production glut that drove the price of crude oil down to around \$10 a barrel, the region's comeback has played a key role in pushing prices to above \$37 a barrel last month.

Those gyrations, however, may have obscured what many economists consider a more important, long-term trend: As it pushes forward along the path of industrialization, Asia is developing into a mighty oil consumer. Asia now consumes 21 million barrels — or 27 percent — of the 77 million barrels of oil the world burns every day. Oil consumption was rising faster in Asia than in any other region in the world before the crisis, and demand has snapped back quickly as the crisis has receded.

"If all the global heating apostles and all the Asian bulls are right, and the world continues to grow, with Asia fully recovering, then oil demand is likely to episode over the next two years," Hong Kong-based fund manager Mark Faber warned in a recent report to clients.

Andy Xie, an economist at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in Hong Kong, estimates that the region's 10-key economies, including Japan, will use 7.5 percent more oil this year than in 1999. In the nine economies other than still-sluggish Japan, Xie predicts oil consumption will rise nearly 11 percent this year. Economic recovery in Asia, he contends, is the "primary cause" of the global surge in oil prices.

Asia now guzzles roughly the same amount of oil as the United States. But this region has 3 bil-

lion people, while the United States has only 265 million. Annual oil consumption per person is only two barrels in Asia, compared with four barrels in Latin America and 24 barrels in the United States. Even modest gains in Asian living standards — more cars, more washers and dryers, more homes with air conditioning — could translate into big increases in the global demand for oil.

Experts differ on how much continued growth in Asia will push up global oil prices in the future. Many analysts anticipate a fall in oil prices next year as oil companies boost exploration budgets and if the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries makes good on its promise to raise production by 800,000 barrels per day.

In the longer term, however, the picture is hard to read. Alarmists have warned since the first global oil shock in the late 1970s that the world is within years of exhausting its supply of fossil fuels, only to see estimated reserves rise with the advance of techniques for finding and extracting oil.

But Asia's return to growth is sure to test the resourcefulness of oil producers — particularly if the region's economies continue to outperform rpm expectations.

Few analysts think Asia's economies can match the spectacular growth rates they managed before the crisis. Consumer confidence is shot. In most countries, banks are still struggling to clear bad loans. Throughout the region, economic leaders have moved slowly to dismantle the clunky business practices that many say provoked the crisis in the first place.

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"To many times, we are young consumers who don't even consider the issue of credit," said Steve Rhude, president and co-founder of Myvesta.org, the Silver Spring, Md.-based organization formerly known as Debt Cofinshers of America. "I've actually had people say to me: 'What do you mean, I have to pay this back?'"

For some young adults, landing that first credit card is a Catch-22. To have a credit rating, you first need a credit card, but to get credit, you first need to have a credit rating. That's why it's best to proceed methodically, constructing a sturdy foundation. Open savings and checking accounts, making sure to always keep a balance in each, Reed-Finch said. Credit-card companies require an applicant to have a bank account — particularly one that's been established.

It's a good idea to keep a signature on your part to pay. Whether we pay or not, that says something about our character," said Reed-Finch. Landlords can check on credit histories before renting an apartment. And potential employers — especially those in financial services — may factor in one's credit record in deciding whether to offer a job.

So why take the credit risk at all? It's simple: Credit is a necessary evil in today's world.

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according to Clemens.

But, what happens if the U.S. economy sours? While some dog and cat owners may trim their pet budgets, providers expect a healthy core will continue paying for their services.

Currently, pet entrepreneurs say they are finding plenty of guidance and owners prepared to pay \$15 to \$20 to ensure that Fido and Felix get some exercise.

"We cannot believe the demand we have," said John Bridger-Lewis, who recently opened Urban Pet — a multiservice pet company, offering everything from pet grooming to cat sitting — on the top of Queen Anne Hill in Seattle.

That's what Central Bark is banking on.

Tucked into an industrial neighborhood, Central Bark has received a steady stream of clients since opening its doors on Feb. 15, according to Martin.

Small packs of dogs roam freely through the play area, complete with handpainted murals of the Seattle skyline, snow-capped mountains and lakes and a multi-tiered climbing area.

Not every visitor is forced to roam. Martin created quiet rooms for less rambunctious guests and a television room with a couch for quiet and aging canines.

One thing was obviously missing, though: the smell of dogs. Martin has installed surprisingly effective air filters.

To launch the business, Martin dipped into her savings and landed \$10,000 in start-up costs. Central Bark charges customers \$37 for one night and \$32 for two or more nights. She also offers discounts for older pets and groups of dogs from the same home.

Now, Martin is planning to install yet another perk for people who can't stand to be separated from their dogs: a 24-hour Webcam.

Start slowly to develop good credit

By William Patalon III
The Baltimore Sun

In many ways, your credit history is just as important as your reputation. You must do all you can to protect it because once sulfid, it is not easily repaired.

"It acts as a character reference," said Patricia Reed-Finch, an extension educator with the Baltimore office of the Maryland Cooperative Extension, part of the University System of Maryland. Consumers "put down their signature, and people (see) that signature and services as a basis of that signature. That signature is a promise on our part to pay. Whether we pay or not, that says something about our character," said Reed-Finch.

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you have — that is the piece of your take-home pay not destined for savings or bills — you'll know how much you can afford to charge and repay.

Start by making small purchases — items you really need — and pay them off right away. That helps establish a good credit record that will make it easier to get more credit when you need it later.

Conversely, a record of errant payments will make it more difficult to land future credit, experts say.

There are two big mistakes consumers usually make with credit cards. Too many young ones — especially young ones — use credit cards to live beyond their means, spending more than they make. Others use credit cards for all their purchases instead of cash — which makes it far too easy to break their budget.

Ultimately, these practices run up huge debt that's nearly impossible to pay down out of your current income. Consumers often make things worse, hoping to stave off judgment day, by getting another credit card, and then another and another until there's so much debt that bankruptcy becomes the only solution.

Before breaking out the plastic for their first run, work up a budget that details your living expenses. By determining how much "free cash" you have — that is the piece of your take-home pay not destined for savings or bills — you'll know how much you can afford to charge and repay.

"You want to die with your credit card in your hand," said Campbell.

Credit problems "are the kiss of death for future credit," said Campbell.



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Companies find new markets for castoff trash

The Associated Press

KENT, Wash. — Don Freas thrusts his hand into a stream of tan, granular material flowing out from a series of crushers in his Kent warehouse.

It feels and looks like warm beach sand. It is, in fact, the reincarnation of recycled bottles from several Puget Sound counties.

Freas hopes that eventually, the recycled glass will make its way back to South Sound cities as blasting sand that will be used to strip the old paint off buildings, the rust off bridges or the graffiti off walls.

While the idea of using fine glass, instead of sand, to clean surfaces has caught on in the East, it's still struggling to find its foothold in the Northwest.

Freas' Kent company, TriVitro Corp., is believed to be the only one on the West Coast marketing sand products.

As such, the 4-year-old company was having trouble breaking into the local construction market, said Erv Sandlin, manager of LinkUp, a new program in King County that tries to help recycling businesses find new markets.

"The local construction firms just weren't used to the idea of using glass," Sandlin said of LinkUp, which began in April. "They were used to using sand instead."

To help TriVitro's visibility, Sandlin set up a demonstration of TriVitro's product for the local construction industry in July.

Interest in the product, which sells for about \$4 for a 50-pound bag, seems to be growing, Freas said, as he strolled through a



Christopher Freas, marketing manager of TriVitro Corp., with some of the glass products his company sells in Kent, Wash. Freas hopes that eventually the recycled glass will make its way back to South Sound cities as blasting sand that will be used to strip the old paint off buildings, the rust off bridges or graffiti off walls.

warehouse Monday filled with 50-, 100- and 3,000-pound bags of crushed or tumbled glass of various colors.

Although the bread and butter

of the company is the sand-like blasting material, other recycled glass products TriVitro produces are catching on here, Freas said. A coarse-ground glass, which looks

like colored sugar, is being used by local swimming pools, including the King County Aquatics Center in Federal Way, as part of their filtration systems, Freas said.

And because of the resurgence of terrazzo and mosaic tiles recently, larger pieces of broken glass are finding a larger market, said Freas' son, Christopher.

Financial planning crucial when planning a family

By Robert Little
The Baltimore Sun

Surely you remembered the car seat. And clothes. And if you didn't remember diapers, you will.

But before you bring home the new 8-pound addition to the family, you probably should plan on needing more than just some fresh wallpaper and a drawer full of jammies.

You need \$236,000.

Not including college.

That's the average, inflation-adjusted cost of raising a child in the United States from birth to age 18, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

And if that's not a little intimidating, it should be, financial planners say.

"People don't glide in here and say, 'We want to have a baby. Can we afford it?' But they should," said Kevin Condon, financial adviser at Financial Advisors Inc. in Ellicott City, Md. "At the point that there's a pregnancy in a couple's life, they need financial advice — probably even before then."

Financial advisers such as Condon say the transitional periods in life — marriage, divorce, graduation, retirement — typically demand the most financial planning.

And if you're about to have a child, or thinking of having one, you're starting down a transition that is as financially demanding as they come.

First, the good news: With a baby, you get a tax break. You're allowed a child exemption on your tax return, and you could reap a \$500 credit per child if your family makes less than \$10,000 a year.

That means you can change the amount of tax withheld from your paycheck and increase your take-home pay — probably enough to offset the increased health insurance cost.

But before you blow your windfall on a new minivan, you might want to think about a few baby-related expenses that financial planners say should be high on your priority list.

Insurance: The top advice from nearly every financial planner is to get adequate insurance before having a baby.

Life insurance is important, but so is disability insurance. The idea is to guarantee your child a certain lifestyle even if you're not around — or healthy enough — to provide it.

And women should get life and disability insurance before they get pregnant, whenever possible, because some policies are difficult to buy afterward.

Estate planning. You need a

will. Even if you're broke, you want to name a guardian and a trustee.

The actual cost of having a will drawn up and recorded shouldn't be more than a few hundred dollars, but it should be among the first lines drawn as you sketch out your financial future.

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Especially if a new house is part of the lifestyle change you're undergoing, advice from a tax expert could pay off. Besides getting a tax exemption for the new dependent, you also can deduct some child-care expenses and avoid some taxes by investing in your child's name.

Start saving. All babies are different, but one thing's fairly certain: They're expensive. That means more clothes, larger furniture, maybe even another room or a new house. You'll also have more incidental expenses with children than without — doctors' bills, birthday presents, safety features for your home. You'll be better prepared if you pay down your high-interest credit cards and build a cushion of cash in the bank.

Start investing. Maybe your baby doesn't have any teeth yet, but braces are just far off than that. Neither is college. Nor the first car. But your child has a friend when it comes to investing: compound interest. The younger the child, the better.

If you were to invest \$250 a month into a portfolio returning 10 percent a year, you could build an account worth nearly \$150,000 by the time your child is ready for college. Most advisers recommend ditching those \$25 savings bonds from granddad in favor of

some stock-based mutual funds.

Raising a child to age 18 will cost between \$117,390 and \$233,850 depending on family income, according to the USDA, which tracks child-rearing costs because of the promise to keep food play is up to those costs. Factors in inflation, and the cost ranges from \$174,090 to \$344,800.

"When people talk about having a child, they don't think so much about the costs. They just know they're going to have to make sacrifices," said Peg Downey, a financial planner for Money Plans in Silver Spring, Md.

There are obvious ways to save money raising a child — cloth diapers and homemade baby food, for instance. But the savings, Downey says, might not be as drastic as young couples often think, experts say. Quite often, money simply shifts from the old priorities to the new one.

"More toys for the baby, less for the parents," said Downey.

She tells couples to keep track of their spending to identify trends and see how it's likely to change.

"They find out they're spending \$3,000 a year on vacations, but they know they're only going to graduate once a year now," she said. "They can allocate the rest for the child."

Certainly some advanced planning is warranted, Downey said. For most new parents fumbling with diapers, financial matters are equally mysterious.

"Most people who are about to have a child aren't getting financial advice from anyone but their parents," said Condon. "But it's a good time to get some professional advice. The level of complexity in their lives is only about to begin."

As parents age, discussions of money have increasing urgency

The Baltimore Sun

child to make sure the proper tools are in place before illness strikes, said Michael C. Hodes, an attorney with the Baltimore firm of Hodes, Ulman, Pessin & Katz P.A.

First, parents need estate-planning documents, including a will, durable power of attorney, medical power of attorney or advance medical directive and living will.

Parents also need to make sure their children are willing to assist in nursing care if necessary.

Elder-law specialists and financial planners encourage middle-aged children to start broaching the tough topics with their parents while they're still in good health.

Work with your parents, and make it a process where you're involved," in decisions regarding long-term planning and care, said Neal E. Cutler, director of survey research for the National Council of the Aging, in Washington.

"Don't wait until it's a crisis. Don't wait for an emergency."

Adult children are typically afraid of prying or appearing inheritance-hungry.

Experts suggest sensitive ways of opening such dialogue, including offering reading materials or meeting with one's own long-term-planning or the plight of a friend or neighbor.

As for timing, it's never too early to establish rapport, said Deborah Voso, a certified financial planner with Voso Associates in Frederick, Md.

"Have a general conversation about what they're doing," she said, for instance, "I have a will. Do you and Dad have that?" It's a good time to establish rapport.

The children should get involved, as likely they will need to take some responsibility. The level of complexity in their lives is only about to begin."

It's important for a middle-aged

with greater assets need to consider other alternatives, such as long-term care insurance or combining with a retirement community. In such communities, a resident pays a fixed monthly fee and can move from an apartment to assisted living to nursing care as needed.

One question Voso hears frequently is, "What if I need to go to a nursing home? If everything is in my name, I will use all of my assets ... and my kids won't get anything."

To avoid that, it's a good idea to transfer assets to adult children at a rate of up to \$10,000 per year, per parent. There are no tax consequences because such gifts do not exceed the maximum allowable \$10,000 gift, Voso said.

Someone who wants to give more could do so by using all or portions of his unified tax credit of \$675,000. It can be used to offset death taxes at death, or to a total amount due to give gifts in excess of the \$10,000 per year, per parent.

But it is probably more important for middle-aged children to make sure their parents consider long-term insurance, which will protect their parents' assets if they need home health, assisted living or nursing home care.

The earlier they buy — starting in their 50s and 60s — the cheaper the insurance. It can be purchased as a two-year plan or at maximum a lifetime plan.

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Community Debt

Question: My ex-wife and I financed a car during our marriage. We both signed the finance agreement on the loan. We later divorced. In the divorce my ex-wife took possession of the car and agreed to pay the bank balance and keep the vehicle. She allowed the insurance policy to lapse; failed to make the car payments and later totaled the car in an accident. The bank is now pursuing me for the loan balance. Can I be held responsible for my ex-wife's debt?

Answer: Potentially yes. Unfortunately because the vehicle was financed during the marriage, the loan is viewed as community debt. You and your ex-wife are jointly responsible under that contract. Your ex-wife's agreement to be responsible for the vehicle does not change your obligation to the bank. The bank may look to your property to satisfy that community obligation. While you could bring legal action against your ex-wife for breaching her obligation set forth in the divorce decree, you may nonetheless be responsible for the bank loan.

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For many, duct tape is the end-all for repairs

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William Keller was pretty sure what he'd seen on his flight from Indianapolis to Atlanta.

But he asked the pilot just to make sure. As Keller left the plane, he told the airman he thought he'd seen the crew repair the airplane's wing with a silver roll of duct tape just before takeoff.

The pilot wasn't sure about telling him the truth: an air scoop had fallen off the plane and they couldn't take off without it.

So the crew fixed it with duct tape.

"He said, 'Once you get in the cold air with it, it's stronger than steel,'" said Keller, 72.

The incident didn't surprise Keller all that much because he has known for years that duct tape is just, well, really good stuff.

And he's not alone. When we went looking for fans of duct tape, we found lots of people who are willing to use the sticky stuff in just about any situation and hesitantly leave home without it.

In fact, duct tape devotees are eager to dazzle their friends with stories of their loyalty. Nothing makes them happier than to turn someone on to the silver standard of do-it-yourself repair.

"If you hold a party and pull out a roll of duct tape and just casually start talking, you'll start seeing this natural conversation ... and people start pulling it off the roll and playing with it," said Barry Medals, a producer of advertising at Mancro, a company that distributes the product under the brand name Duck Tape.

Manco has seized on the widespread popularity of the silver tape, often organizing promotions to encourage people to call in with their duct tape stories. The company has heard from people who duct-taped lacerations during a hike in the woods; someone who used the tape to repair a wounded duck; and a man who duct-taped himself in a hole and was being eaten by alligators in the Everglades, Medals said.

"Duct tape brings everybody together. It doesn't matter if you're a multimillionaire or advertising person or newspaper reporter or stay-at-home mom," he said. "Everybody has a story about duct tape and how it saved their life."

Take John Huddleston, 93, for example.

When he was an Army flight engineer during the Vietnam War, he used duct tape to repair his Chinook, nicknamed "Easy Money." The helicopter's blades were regularly hit by gunfire when the crew took it out on a mission, which created a loud whistling sound. That could be dangerous in a war zone, so crews patched the holes-with-duct tape whenever they stopped to refuel.

"Everybody carried a roll of duct tape in Vietnam on the hell-copters," said Huddleston, of Columbus, Ga.

Then there's Mike Stilson, 73, of Columbus, who used duct tape on

a mission of her own recently. When a heavy rainstorm broke the trunk of her slender, newly planted dogwood tree, Stilson took action.

"I went out there with my umbrella and my duct tape. I cut some duct tape, wound it round and round the tree trunk and fastened it up," she said.

A month later the tree trunk is growing new growth. "That stuff is strong and very, very handy. I wouldn't be without it. Nooo, it fixes all kind of stuff," Stilson said.

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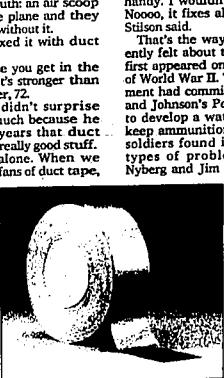
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Remodeling booms along with U.S. economy

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PHILADELPHIA — So you think we've heard all the stories about home renovation? Well, consider this: by 10 p.m. on a Saturday morning, putting up with the noise of demolition, clearing off dust each night to prepare dinner — assuming, of course, that your kitchen still functions.

"Well, here's one you may not have heard — about a family that remained in its Philadelphia rowhouse after the facade was removed.

"It was quite an adventure to have the whole front of the house off," recalled Susan Hagen, an artist, writer and woodworker. "It was like living in a dollhouse with the outdoors just inches away."

Susan's architect husband, Tom Buck, assured her that with the structure partitioned, built a wood stove partition inside the house with plastic over it, and, in rain, an extra tarp outside — the family would be just fine.

"We do this all the time" at work, he told her. But for Hagen, the nearly three weeks it took for masons to rebuild the facade were "disconcerting."

"We will sit at the dining room table and she'll say, 'We just waited at people as they would go by.'

Adventures like this are putting Americans to the test, as home renovations grow ever more ambitious.

Last year, a record \$142.9 billion was spent on home improvement and repair, a lot of it, at least over the previous year, the Census Bureau reports. During the same period, the average cost of a professional renovation rose 9 percent, to \$42,370, although the median remained at \$22,000, a National Association of Home Builders survey shows.

"We cannot say all people are doing bigger jobs, but there are more bigger jobs," said Gopal Ahluwalia, director of research for the home builders.

Have aspirations for our homes, and the money to realize them, been on a growth spurt?

"The size of projects has gotten enormous, and it has to do with disposable income," said Paul Neffensbaugh, editor-in-chief of Remodeling magazine.

"Competition for the remodel-



AP photo

A room built around a Radburn rug by Shaw used to be out of the reach of the typical homeowner, but the average cost of a professional renovation is soaring in America.

ing market is not food and clothing. It's a European vacation, a new car, and a second home."

"A couple years ago I was taking on a \$75,000 project that was \$200,000 this year," he said, noting that jobs have also been funded largely through savings, refinancing and home-equity loans.

The Kristals of Wallingford just underwent a 4-month renovation of the first floor that included the creation of a beautiful 19-by-40-foot combination kitchen-family room, with an island floor and Arts and Crafts-style cabinetry. The bill for the project was \$150,000, which they drew mostly from savings.

Within the next few years, they hope to redo their second floor.

"Not everyone takes on that much — and folks such as Hagen and Buck do a lot of the work themselves — but costs can extend beyond the financial."

"It takes an emotional toll," Hagen noted. "There's more room for disagreements as a couple."

The lack of privacy from having workers in your home from the early days can also be trying.

And there always seem to be situations that take us back to more primitive living. While the facade was off their townhouse, Tom

Remodeling investments that pay

- Keep the value of your property within 15-20 percent of others in your neighborhood. If you live in an area of \$100,000 homes, buyers probably want a home close to that price. Buyers who can afford pricier homes will shop in more expensive neighborhoods.
- Style your remodeling to match the existing house. Additions and improvements that look "tacked on" may detract from the home's appeal. Choose materials and design elements that match or blend with what's already there.
- Give buyers quality construction.

Buck would sleep sentry with the dog on the couch near the front door.

"That's why I could hear what was going on," he said.

"It was an insecure situation from the point of view of someone walking in. But we were only exposed on the ground floor a short time — it only took a day to fill in the ground-level brick.

"And you could hear someone if they were climbing the scaffolding," he added matter-of-factly.

Luckily, there were "no catastrophes of any type," his wife said.

Within the next few years, they hope to redo their second floor.

"Not everyone takes on that much — and folks such as Hagen and Buck do a lot of the work themselves — but costs can extend beyond the financial."

"It takes an emotional toll," Hagen noted. "There's more room for disagreements as a couple."

The lack of privacy from having workers in your home from the early days can also be trying.

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— dreams of which are fed by the shelter magazines. From their pages, palatial kitchens and luxurious master suites beckon with the power of guilty pleasures. If you've got the money, they're hard to resist.

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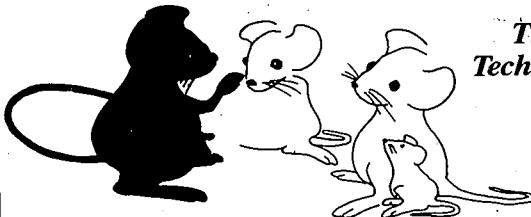
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and the couple's 5-year-old son, Henry, saw the whole experience as "a great adventure."

"It was a mixed bag," Hagen said of "renewing, but there are great rewards when you're done."

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PREPPING FOR PAINT

It pays to do it the correct way

Daily Press

With fall and cooler temperatures, it's time to think about sprucing up the house. It's time to get out the old paint bucket and brush.

If your home's exterior needs a fresh, new look, remember a top-quality paint job needs some proper preparation or your hard work will go to waste.

Before climbing the ladder to stroke on a few cans of your favorite color, use these tips from Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse (<http://www.lowes.com/>) to get your home prepped:

- Power-wash the surface. A power washer eliminates dirt and peeling or flaking paint down to the bare exterior surface. If the paint cannot be removed, it is probably bonded to the surface and can be painted over. After scraping, sand the edge between the scraped areas and the bare surface until it's smooth.

- Scrape off loose paint. Scrape loose and flaking paint down to the bare exterior surface. If the paint cannot be removed, it is probably bonded to the surface and can be painted over. After scraping, sand the edge between the scraped areas and the bare surface until it's smooth.

- Fill in nicks and gouges. Use an exterior-grade surfacing compound to fill in nicks and gouges so your wood looks professional when painted. Apply compound,

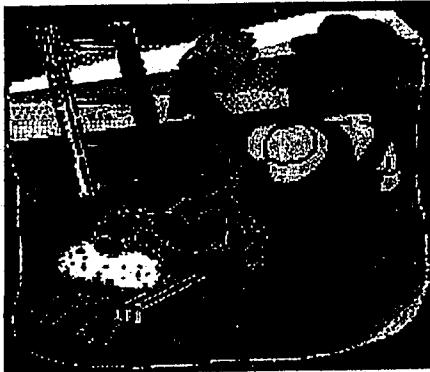


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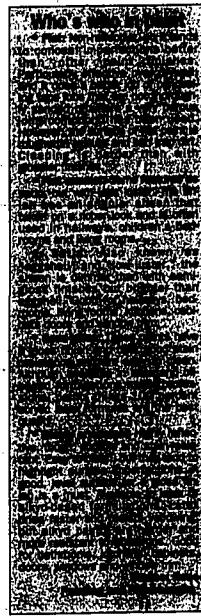
then sand it smooth with medium, 100-grit sandpaper.

- Caulk joints and gaps. To prevent water penetration and indoor drafts, caulk all joints where the siding meets the windows, door trim and other openings. Use a paintable acrylic latex or silicone acrylic caulk around outdoor electrical boxes, outdoor water faucets and exterior lights, as well as under thresholds and window sills.

- Re-puity window glass. Re-puity any windows where the glazing compound is cracked or

missing. Remove old putty and try to get down to the exterior's bare surface. Use an artist's brush and an oil-based primer to prime the surface. After the primer dries, apply a new bead of glazing compound. Follow directions on the glazing compound for drying times.

- Prime all bare wood. New paint will not adhere or dry with an even finish without proper priming, so prime all bare surfaces, scraped or sanded areas, and fill all areas with surfacing compound.



Today's furniture shoppers know how to mix and match

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — There was a time when people bought furniture in suites. You know the look: sofas with matching occasional chairs, identical tables holding lamps.

Today's shoppers are more sophisticated. Armed with ideas from shelter magazines and home and garden TV shows, they're purchasing furniture by the piece, creating eclectic room settings over time.

To accommodate this trend, some furniture showrooms have changed their merchandising methods.

"We are putting furniture in a more authentic setting," said Mike Nicotera, vice president of furniture for the Miami furniture store. "Pieces from different collections are placed together to show a more natural way of furnishing. We try to show how you can mix new things with furniture people have inherited or collected."

"And we used to price complete suites. Now we are pricing pieces individually because that's how people are buying it," he said.

"When you have everything matching, it looks commercial," said Pepe Rodriguez, who owns Decor House, with his father, Remberto Rodriguez. "All our customers, 100 percent, buy one piece at a time. People have fine things in their homes that they want to keep and just add something once in a while to freshen the look."

Young people may buy a whole room "because they need furniture, but older customers are looking at furniture as an investment," said Julio Estades, store manager of Carls in Kendall, a Miami suburb. "It started with Ralph Lauren. He was the first to design individual pieces rather than collections. Because of the prices, customers can only afford one piece at a time."

"They're The Collection of a Lifetime, featuring pieces based on furniture that author Ernest Hemingway gathered during his world travels," is one of Carls' hottest sellers, Estades said.

"The collection is based on the same idea: buy one piece at a time," he said. "Wherever he went, Hemingway collected things, then mixed him in his Key West house. The collection includes rattan, wicker, wood, metal, leather and marble. The trend of mixing materials makes it much more interesting

for customers."

Tom West, Carls' showroom designer, said he arranges the furniture by collection to aid the sales staff, "but we place something nearby so they can show the customer how to mix. Furniture is placed at angles in order to get a lot on the floor, but it also shows customers how they can arrange it in their homes."

As long as you balance pieces by weight and size, you can do almost anything.

Not all furniture shoppers feel confident enough to mix styles, however, so some stores continue to arrange pieces in matched groupings.

Jerry Estades and his family-owned Bear Furniture Co. in South Florida is showing "mostly collections because our customers seem to like it that way. But with the broad selection we offer, we give people the opportunity to blend styles and finishes with the help of our designers."

El Dorado Furniture Showrooms finds its customers still prefer to buy sets, said Carlos Capo, president of the family-owned business. "With the financing available there is a temptation to buy enough pieces to furnish a room. The economy is good and people are spending more money and buying better quality than 10, even five years ago."

Selling your home? Be sure to price it right

Illustration courtesy of Realtor.com

• Abandon your personal point of view. How much will a ready, willing and able buyer be willing to pay for your home? Buyers don't care how much you paid, how many memorable moments you and your family shared in the home, how much you invested in it, or how much you want to get out of it.

• Calculate the price per square foot. The average price per square foot for homes in your neighborhood will give the sole determinant of the asking price for your home, but it can be a starting point. Keep in mind that various methodologies can be used to calculate square footage.

• Consider market conditions. Are home prices in your area trending upwards or downwards? Are homes selling quickly or languishing? Is your home on the market late spring or summer, or is it near the end of winter? Are interest rates attractive? Is the economy hot or cold? Will you be selling in a buyer's market or a seller's market?

• Sweeten the deal. Some buyers have needs that go beyond the bottom line. If you're willing to close escrow quickly, you'll attract buyers who want to move in right away. If you can offer seller-financing, your home will appeal to buyers who are limited to traditional financial resources. A lease-option can help first-timers who need down-payment assistance. The more creative and the more flexible you can be, the more success you'll have in pricing your home to sell.

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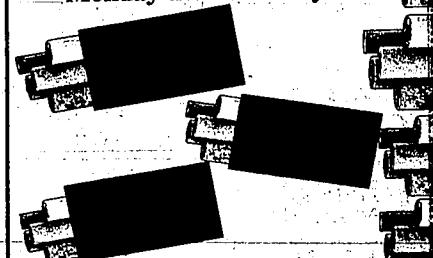
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Home buying on the Web is still a tough sell

Internet impacts the way people shop for houses

Los Angeles Times

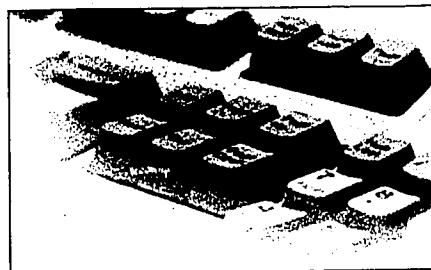
LOS ANGELES - When online real estate pioneer Homestore.com debuted 3 1/2 years ago, its flagship site, Realtor.com, was supported by a few PCs sitting in a tiny office in Westlake Village, Calif.

Today, more than 300 Dell work stations in Homestore's 80,000-square-foot headquarters power the fast-growing real estate hub, now one of the world's 50 largest Internet sites.

Homestore's tumultuous expansion underscores the Internet's growing influence on the nation's \$1.3 trillion real estate industry. The site, with help from the National Association of Realtors, or NAR, made myriad home listings available to consumers for the first time.

The association "set the gauge for success for real estate Web sites: the number of listings you have on your site," said David Clark, president and chief executive officer of Homebytes.com. "So in the past few years, everyone focused on replacing the multiple listing service."

Homestore's focus on listings - it has about 1.4 million entries - has made it the most popular real estate Web site. Its exclusive contracts with many of the country's largest residential property listings services raised questions at the U.S. Justice Department, which opened an investigation last spring into



possible anti-competitive business practices at the company.

Plenty of other sites are competing with Homestore for consumer attention. In fact, some analysts estimate that there are more than 500,000 real estate Web sites. And recent figures show that four out of 10 home buyers use the Internet, up from only 2 percent in 1995, according to NAR.

Certainly, the Internet made information that Realtors hoarded until a few years ago, like listings and comparables - prices for similar homes that sold within the same area in the last six months - available to consumers for the first time.

But the nascent online real estate category hasn't lived up to predictions that it would steer consumers away from agents, cut commissions and simplify the transactionally complex home-buying process.

"The Web has hugely impacted the way people find a home," said Stuart Wolff, chairman and chief executive at Homestore. "But I don't think it's done much

to impact how people buy a home and how people own a home."

Until now, most real estate sites have focused on providing buyers with listings packaged with information on remodeling, home improvements, schools, crime and financing. Some analysts say this deluge of information has cut the time it takes to shop for a home in half and saved buyers money.

"Based on our surveys, mortgage rates online versus local market rates are on average about half a percent cheaper," said Nick Karris, an Internet real estate analyst at Gomez Advisors, a Lincoln, Mass.-based market research company. "So on a \$200,000 loan we're talking about saving \$15,000 over the life of a mortgage."

But the majority of buyers still ultimately rely on real estate agents to help them find homes. In fact, only 1 percent of buyers eventually purchased a home they found online last year. And it's still tough to get all home listings in one location on the

Web. "The Internet is being used as a secondary information source, like newspaper ads and yard signs," said Kevin Roth, a senior economist at NAR.

A recent association survey shows that consumers use newspaper ads more often than they do the Internet during a home search. And they rely on yard signs for information almost as much as on the global computer network, according to NAR's 2000 Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers.

But other surveys show consumers are pulling real estate information off the Internet, such as statistics on neighborhood schools and crime, that they can't necessarily get from other sources. And in some cases listings online have added features that save consumers time.

For instance, a recent report from Gomez Advisors found that consumers look to the Internet for home listings that include pictures of the home's exterior and virtual tours that showcase a 360-degree view of the home's interior.

Now that the market for sites that cater to buyers is maturing, new entrants are focusing on sellers and on trying to simplify transactions by putting them online. These sites are intended to decrease consumers' reliance on agents by promoting "menu-type" pricing.

But even if the Internet has aided in information gathering, it hasn't saved consumers much money. That may change soon.

Some analysts expect that the Web will ultimately cause real estate agents' commissions to fall, just as sites for investors caused stockbrokers' commissions to drop and travel sites that sell discounted airline tick-

ets negatively affected travel agents' commissions.

For example, this spring Homebytes.com introduced a service for consumers who want to sell their homes themselves.

"One-third of homeowners in the U.S. are predisposed to want to sell their homes by themselves," said Clark, Homebytes.com president and chief executive. "But they're at an ultimate disadvantage because they can't get exposure for their home in the listings."

(Only a real estate agent is allowed to place a home in the MLS, but Homebytes.com is licensed in all 50 states, giving it access to the MLS in each of its markets.)

In paying a one-time fee to Homebytes.com, sellers eliminate 3 percent of the 6 percent commission they might typically pay when a real estate agent and they've assigned an agent they can work with over the phone if they have questions, Clark said.

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Media-backed Web sites now include classified ads

Los Angeles Times

The newest online real estate hub hopes to set itself apart by combining a diverse family of Web sites with the online distribution network and classified listings held by the nation's largest media companies.

The Web site, HomeScape.com (http://www.HomeScape.com), is backed by Chicago-based Classified Ventures, a network of seven major media companies and companies, including the Los Angeles Times and its parent company, Tribune Co. The parent also owns several sites featured on HomeScape.com.

Like other major real estate sites, HomeScape.com offers information on buying, selling, moving, renting and financing. It has access to about 900,000 home listings - covering about 70 percent of the nation - through HomeFinder.com.

These listings, not available from single listing services and other major real estate Web sites, said Matt Wise, the site's vice president and general manager. The site also provides new home leads from

http://www.homeadvisor.com) and rental information through Apartments.com (http://www.apartments.com).

HomeScape.com faces tough competition from veteran real estate portals like market leader Realtor.com (http://www.realtor.com), which dominates the online real estate category.

"We do have a little catch-up going on," Wise said.

Analysts say HomeScape.com will need to prove to consumers that it's providing a broader range of home listings than what's currently available on the Internet. Home listings have been the Holy Grail of successful online real estate ventures.

"There's a lot of overlap here. Listings are available in a lot of different places," said Robert Sterling, an analyst in financial services and real estate at Jupiter Communications in New York.

Realtor.com is currently the frontrunner in the listings war, with 1.4 million listings. But the site does not have access to for-sale-by-owner-and-other-exclusive listings. Microsoft-backed HomeAdvisor.com

consumers to HomeScape.com by linking the site with the home pages for its 130 newspaper affiliates.

The new real estate site is currently available online about 100 of these sites and will be linked to the rest by the end of the year, Wise said.

"Newspapers are traditionally the No. 1 place people go to look for real estate information," Wise said. "So it's a natural extension for people to go online to look for information from them."

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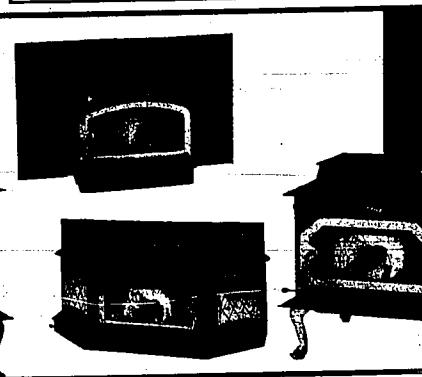
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- Step 2. Organize your pots and pans. Hang a decorative wrought iron rack on a kitchen wall or suspend one from the ceiling. Store your pot lids by adding shallow bins to the back of the cabinet compartments. Cookie trays and the like can be stored by adding a horizontal divider to a cabinet.

The key to cabinet storage is to avoid stacking and making everything accessible. Lazy Susans give you easy access to items all the time. Step shelving in cabinets will help your organize goods, different-sized dishes and small appliances and their accessories. Wire baskets on slides will make your deep cabinets easily accessible. Go to the store and look around.

• Step 3. To make working more convenient, locate the prep area between the refrigerator and the sink. Place any basic ingredients, mixing equipment, bowls and cups here.

• Step 4. Put pots, pans and cooking utensils near the range so they'll be handy when you're cooking.

• Step 5. Store silverware and tableware here so you don't have to run around all over the place when putting up dishes. Also, keep your cleaning utensils and dishes for leftovers here.

• Step 6. Set up a kitchen work triangle. The triangle connects the three work areas in your kitchen. The distance



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between the areas should be no less than 4 feet and no more than 9 feet. Don't let the triangle total more than 26 feet.

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people are going to be working in the kitchen at the same time, allow more than the usual 4 feet between opposite work centers.

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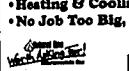
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132 usable linear inches of counter space minimum (working counters must be at least 16 inches deep)

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Bar counter heights:
28 to 45 inches

Knee space at eating counters:
12 inches minimum depth (24 inches is typical)

Glassware shelves:
6-inch spacing, minimum, between shelves

Table-to-wall distance:
32 inches minimum (36 inches is better)

Storage area (for kitchens less than 150 square feet):
156 inches of base cabinets and 144 inches of easily accessible wall cabinets (minimum)

Storage area (for larger kitchens):
192 inches of base cabinets and 186 inches or easily accessible wall cabinets

Sink landing space:
24 inches on the dishwasher side and 18 inches on the other (minimums)

- Source: Better Homes & Gardens (bhg.com)

Patio heater can warm up cool nights

The Orange County Register

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Infrared burners permit heat to radiate outward. There's also a patented safety switch that automatically shuts off the unit if it is tilted.

The Endless Summer heater is sold through home and garden centers and mass-merchandising stores. Further information is available at the company's Web site, <http://www.bluerhino.com>.

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Vacuum innovations sweep nation

Big purchases show Americans love these cleaners

The Baltimore Sun

Nature may abhor a vacuum, but Americans love them.

We love them more than toasters, more than fridges, more than irons. During the last year alone, we bought 18 million full-size vacuum cleaners, says Clifford Wood, executive vice president of the Vacuum Cleaner Manufacturers Association in North Canton, Ohio, and the only household appliances Americans bought more of were fans and hair dryers.

As a result, the multi-vac household is becoming the norm. But multi-vac doesn't mean a messy upright in the closet and DustBuster in the kitchen, says Bill McLoughlin, executive editor of HomeWorld Business magazine in Long Island, N.Y.; it means two or more full-size vacuum cleaners stashed away in different parts of the house, ready for whenever a vac attack strikes — plus that DustBuster, and don't forget the Shop-Vac in the basement and the stick vac for the kids' room.

Not only are we buying more vacuum cleaners, we're also willing to pay more for them, especially at the high end. Not so long ago, \$299 was the price ceiling for mass-market vacs, says Scott Wells, executive director of floor care for the Vacuum Dealers Trade Association in Des Moines, Iowa, but now that ceiling has moved up into the stratosphere around \$1,000.

"The economy in general has been great for a number of years," Wells says, "so people look at a \$600 or \$700 vacuum cleaner and say, 'Hey, we can afford that!'

The cleaner boom is also driven by enormously revved-up advertising and innovation. The vac industry used to be "sleepy, slow-moving and not very competitive," until, 1986, when Royal Appliance "threw a hand grenade in the swimming pool," says Jim Holcomb, vice president of marketing for Royal. The hand grenade was the advertising campaign for the then-new Dirt Devil, which challenged the DustBuster for primacy in the handheld market.

The Dirt Devil ads were everywhere, which was very



Photo courtesy Image Bank

During the past year alone, Americans bought 18 million full-sized vacuum cleaners.

expensive — and very, very successful. "We were a \$20 million company prior to Dirt Devil, and now we're a \$400 million company," Holcomb says. Other companies took note, and since then, "advertising levels have climbed consistently," McLoughlin says.

So has the rate of innovation. You can't fix a vac anymore by just changing the belt, says Joe Mansueti, owner of Bagdon's Vacuum Cleaner Sales and Service in Highlandtown and Parkville, Md. Belts and whistles are the order of the day, and people seem to love them. After all, what red-blooded, get-loving, cleanliness-addicted godless American consumer could resist these new clean machines, especially when they're advertised on the major networks?

Many full-size vacs, for example, now have electronic components or other refinements to tell you when there's a sock in the suction and even when you've picked up all the grime in a certain area and should move on to dustier pastures. And those handy attachments like the crevice tool are now

almost always "on-board," the term industry people use to mean that the tools fit inside the body of the cleaner like baby kangaroos in their mother's pouch. Even handholds stow their tiny tools on-board now.

Vacuum cleaners also are putting a premium on looking good. This may reflect the influence of high-end lines like the German-made Miele, which in the '90s managed to turn its Euro-styled vac into a status cult object — the BMW of the world of vacs, as Jeri O'Neil and J.M. Weiner's *Style and Sales* in Owings Mills, Md., calls it.

There's also the increasingly pervasive influence of fashion and style in all areas of mainstream American life. So it's not surprising that vac makers have left behind utilitarian designs and opted instead for snazzy futuristic shapes and gemlike colors. Translucent color, perhaps inspired by the iMac computer, is especially big.

But the biggest of all the recent innovations, says McLoughlin, is the cyclonic vac. "Cyclonic" is industry-speak for "bagless," so instead of a bag to

catch the dirt, the cyclonic cleaner has a translucent cup, in which the vacuums can watch the fruits of his or her labor swirling busily as the dirt separates out.

An Englishman named James Dyson came up with a prototype for the bagless vac way back in the '50s, according to the Dyson Web site, but it didn't start catching on until about 10 years ago. Eventually it became such a big hit in England that Prime Minister Tony Blair declared it one of the Cool Britannia phenomenon.

A Canadian company, Fantom, brought baglessness to these shores and did so well with it that in the last two or three years other companies began jumping on the bandwagon, including Just Cleaning, Hoover, which holds the largest market share of the North American vacuum universe.

Most of these innovations promise to make cleaning easier and pleasanter, but the hard fact remains that you still have to do it — at least until the robot home vacuum cleaner turns up at a store near you. Eureka showed a prototype 1 1/2 years ago, says Kathy Luedke, public relations director for Eureka. It is a cute little character nicknamed the Trilobite that is about 15 inches across and 6 inches high, with gills on its sides and sonar-equipped bumpers to tell it where walls and furniture are.

"We're thinking it'll come in around \$1,000," she says, but refuses to be persuaded to give a date.

McLoughlin of bagless fame has also produced a robot cleaner, called the DC06. But, according to a July article in the London Financial Times, the DC06 is having "teething problems that have caused its launch to be postponed," and its proposed price of 2,500 pounds, or about \$3,600, would leave most consumers resigned to pushing their own vacs anyway.

Vacuum's beginnings go back to British Isles

The Baltimore Sun

Just who built the first vacuum cleaner, and when, seems to be controversial, but a man named Booth or Bothe did build a very early model in 1901 in the British Isles. The machine, which was very heavy, had to be lugged through the streets, and the hose was run from it into the

houses of those who wanted vacuuming. His machine was used to clean the carpet in Westminster Abbey before Edward VII's coronation.

The first truly portable vacuum cleaner was probably built in 1904 by an asthmatic Ohio inventor named Murray Spangler, who couldn't stand the dust raised when car-

pets were swept with a broom. In self-defense, using a tin soap box, a pillowcase, a fan and a broomstick, he devised a motorized gadget he called a suction sweeper.

He took his "sweeper" to a cousin's husband for help in marketing and production.

The husband's name was W.H. Hoover, and the rest is history.

Bidding for dummies

Orange County Register

Auctions can be fun, but they can also be expensive if you don't know what you're doing.

So says Country Living magazine in its October issue. The magazine also offers the following tips to help you get the item of your dreams without ending up in a nightmare of spending.

• Come equipped. Bring your bidder's route dimensions, a tape measure, a pad, pencil, price guide and packing materials for the trip home.

• Always attend previews. Early attendance gives you a chance to examine and ask questions about pieces you like. Find out if all the parts are original, how old the piece is, and if there's ever been any damage.

• Don't get carried away by the excitement. Decide what a piece is worth to you and set a ceiling price on items before you start to bid.

• See and be seen. Choose a seat where the auctioneer can see you and that gives you a clear view of the item. Front and center or in the back are suggested locations.

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Cheap bulbs make bad flowers

Plant now, when the soil temperature is below 60 degrees Fahrenheit but before the ground freezes (October is ideal).

For a glimpse of early spring, plant crocuses and snowdrops. Daffodils bloom next, following by tulips and grape hyacinth.

Cheap bulbs produce bad flowers — or no flowers at all. Buy bulbs that are large, firm and of good color.

Choose a site that has good drainage and at least six hours of direct sunlight a day.

To prepare planting beds, dig up 6 to 8 inches of soil. Add peat moss or other organic matter to the mix in fertilizer containing phosphorus such as rock phosphate, superphosphate, bone meal or special bulb fertilizer.

Plant the bulbs in groups or clumps instead of rows. For a nice show of color, plant them in front of evergreen shrubs or among perennials with other flowers shrubs.

Tulips look best planted in beds in symmetrical arrangements.

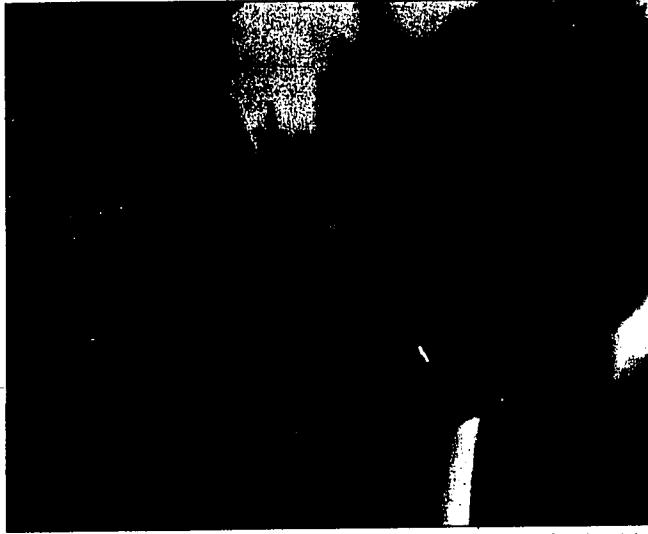
Daffodils look best in "naturalized" or informal plantings.

Plant bulbs upright (pointed end UP). As a rule of thumb, bulbs should be planted three times as deep as the bulb's dimension.

Large bulbs — tulips and daffodils — should be planted no closer than 4 inches apart and no farther than 6 inches. Smaller bulbs — crocuses, snowdrops and squill — should be planted 1 to 2 inches apart.

When the plants emerge next spring, fertilize lightly with a handful of 5-10-5 fertilizer at least 2 inches from the plant.

Once the flower petals fade,



Tulips are the most spectacular of spring flowers, but their first year is their best.

Bulbs online
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use scissors to remove the flower parts and stem before the plant produces seed pods.

Let the leaves remain until they have turned yellow, so the bulbs get plenty of nourishment

for next spring.

You can camouflage the bulb foliage by carefully planting summer annuals around the bulbs once all danger of frost is past.

Although spring-flowering

bulbs are perennials, tulips and hyacinths don't do as well after the first season. Daffodils, scilla and crocus, on the other hand, get stronger and spread farther with each bloom season.

To prevent overcrowding and increase flower size of the bulbs, divide every two or three years. The best time is when the foliage turns yellow. Then replant immediately.

—Source: University of

Vermont Extension Service

Plant these for extra color

Emily Press

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — From the first nodding snowdrops to the last bright tulips, spring-flowering bulbs announce winter's end, bringing back bright, bold colors to the landscape.

They also bring something else:

Many spring bulbs also introduce the season's first sensational events, something more and more people like in their gardens.

"Fragrance is not only fashionable, it's also fun and fundamental," says Sally Ferguson of the Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center in New York City.

When you're shopping for spring-flowering bulbs now, watch for bulb packets stamped "fragrant." Now is the perfect time to plant and grow your own aromatherapy.

"We've found that nice fragrances may not only relieve stress, but may also heal the mind, lower blood pressure and even attract the opposite sex," says Becky Heath of Brent and Becky's Bulbs in southeastern Virginia.

When aroma therapy is combined with a positive visual impact of lovely flowers, it is what one call a "no brainer" everyone feels better!"

Bulb flowers vary in the type and degree of their fragrance. Hyacinths pack powerful perfume; daffodils also can provide a heady aroma. Even tulips not nec-

essarily known for their fragrance offer many varieties with a honey-scented fragrance. Tulip Salmon Pearl is a luscious salmon rose flower with highlights and overlays of butterscotch and coral, says Becky.

The combination of these colors plus the nasturtium orange of the inner heart of the flower gives a real glowing effect to the garden. The fragrance forces an extra breath to be taken when you say "ah-ha" and the aroma therapy begins.

Narcissus Curlew is a lovely American-bred Jonquilla daffodil with several flowers per stem with creamy white petals and a long trumpet-like, milk-white cup that matures to pure white. The fragrance is glorious, says Becky. It's effective in the evening garden because sometimes the fragrance is obvious at night.

Muscari Valley Finkis is the soft blue-grape hyacinth available; its color blends with any garden scheme. It has a subtle scent reminiscent of grapes.

Also try these:

Hyacinth Blue Jacket. It's deep blue with shades of purple flower that looks as rich as it smells in the spring garden; fresh, cool, outdoor fragrance.

Hyacinth Carnegie. This stately white flower adds layer of perfume to white-themed spring garden; sweet, spicy, robust smell.

Narcissus Bridal Crown. The fragrant double-flowered tazetta

narcissus; relative to the paper-white, with creamy-white petals and golden-yellow cup; grows 12-16 inches tall; mid-spring bloomer with highlights and overlays of jasmine to some, tuberose to others.

Narcissus Carlton. A large-cupped yellow daffodil that grows 12-20 inches tall; blooms early to mid-season and has a scent like jasmine or vanilla.

Narcissus Tazetta Geranium. This cousin of the paper-white grows indoors with no pre-chilling necessary; cheery, pink petals and bright orange cup; grows 6-14 inches tall; honey-like scent.

Narcissus Triandrus Thalia. It's nicknamed angel's tears because of its bowed head; delicate looking in pure white; grows 10-12 inches tall; blooms late mid-season; fresh, fruity scent with touch of jasmin.

Tulipa Angelique. It's peony-flowered; luscious bluish-pink; long-lasting bloom in garden or vase; double late tulip grows 18 inches tall; blooms late season; scent reminiscent of a rose.

Tulipa Apricot Beauty. A salmon-rose beauty; early bloomer; 18 inches tall; subtle fragrance.

Tulipa Prinses Irene. This variety grows to 14 inches tall; it's flushed with purple flame; blooms mid-season; honey-lemon to musk smell.

With fragrant bulb flowers, you find new meaning in the phrase "a fresh breath of springtime."

Just what is a bulb?

The Gazette

What is a bulb?

Many plants are called bulbs, but not all are true bulbs. Bulb-like plants include corms, rhizomes, tubers and tuberous roots. The differences are primarily in the way they store food.

All are small self-contained factories that contain everything needed to produce a plant and a flower. Each plant embryo is surrounded by a substance that stores food for new growth each year. The bottom is known as the basal plate and contains the roots.

True bulbs are short underground stems surrounded by modified fleshy leaves, called scales, that protect and store food for use by the plant embryo. The outer scales are dry and paper-like. New buds may form along the basal plate. True bulbs include daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, lilies, oxalis and allium.

In corms, which are flatter in shape than round bulbs, the food is stored in an enlarged basal plate rather than scales. New corms form small buds on top of an old corm. Common corms include gladiolus and crocus.

Rhizomes, which include iris and canna, are thickened, elongated stems that grow partially or entirely beneath the ground. Spikes may grow from a single rhizome, but others may form along the rhizome's length. To divide, cut the rhizome into sections that each have visible growing points.

A tuber is a swollen, underground stem base similar to a corm, but there is no basal plate, and roots grow from all sides. There also may be multiple growth points along the upper surface that can be divided and cutting into sections that each have a growth bud. Tubers include anemone, cyclamen, caladium, tulips, lilies, oxalis and allium.

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Some tips on hiring a contractor

Finding them

- Call at least three contractors and set up appointments to go over a few basic questions.
- When you talk to a contractor, clearly communicate your ideas. Ask questions and listen to the responses given. Effective communication is very important for a customer/contractor relationship.
- Always give each contractor the same information on the project.

Questions to ask

- Can I have three references from customers in the past 2 months? Past three years?
- Can I have a banking or financial reference? (If the contractor has a track record of not paying for materials, labor and overhead costs, the job could go unfinished).

- What insurance coverage do you have? (At a minimum, contractors should have worker's comp, general liability and auto insurance. These policies help protect you and your property in potential legal problems should an accident occur. Call the insurance agency to confirm the effective dates of the insurance policies).
- How long have you been in business? (A contractor with at least five years' experience usually has a stable business foundation and is reliable).

- May I have an itemized estimate on the project that includes materials, labor, overhead and a time frame? (The estimate should be in writing).

Choosing an estimate

Once you receive the estimates, take time to compare them. Don't base your decision on price alone. Keep the following steps in mind before you make your decision:

- Be skeptical of a very low bid. Compare all the items in the bid.
- Check the cost of the materials. Some estimates may contain lower-quality materials, which reduce the cost of the project. Review any items you don't understand with the contractor.
- Time frame is an important factor. If one bid is higher in labor cost but the contractor can finish

the job in two weeks instead of two months, the additional cost is justified.

- Don't sign anything until you understand all aspects of the contract.
- Keep all documentation related to the project.

A contract must include ...

- Starting and estimated completion date.
- Estimated cost of the work.
- Payment schedule (Never pay in cash; always write a check made out to the contractor's name).
- Release-of-lien clause. (If subcontractors are not paid and the contractor has been paid, they can sue the contractor — but not the homeowner, for payments).
- Dispute resolution. (If there's a dispute over quality of work, timeliness or materials, how will it be handled? Mediation or arbitration are the best and least expensive ways to handle contract disputes).
- Right of rescission. (The Federal Trade Commission's three-day right to rescind allows a homeowner three days to cancel a contract to void the contract entirely with no consequences. The homeowner is not liable for any service or finance charges.)
- Purchasing permits. (The contractor must agree to buy all required permits in his business name).
- Inspection failure. (If the work isn't up to building code, the contractor must agree to fix it at no cost to the homeowner).

cost to the homeowner).

- Insurance. (Contractor must present proof of general and personal liability insurance).

• Duties clearly outlined. (Who will be responsible for what? Clean-up? Repairing damaged personal property?)

- Scope of work. (Exactly what work will be done, including a list of materials with brand names, sizes and colors and code requirements for materials such as lumber and electrical components. If blueprints are used, reference a dated set of plans).

Change order. (A change order is needed whenever work is added, materials are substituted or changes are made, they should be in writing and include additional cost.)

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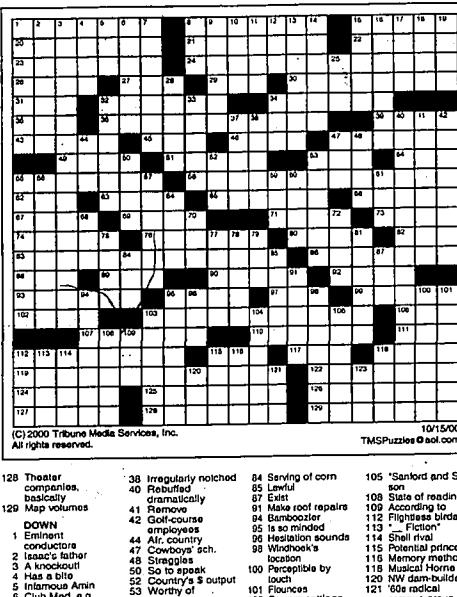
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THE Sunday Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams



If you could see into the future

I doubt that there is a person on earth who has not, at one time or another, wished they could look into the future. Yet how fortunate we are that we can't do that.

Of course, it would be fine if our futures were always perfectly wonderful, but, unfortunately, that is only the stuff of fiction. "Into each life some rain must fall," as the saying goes.

For some it is a minor pelting of rain, for others it is a downpour. And for some it is a little or a lot. If we could only be able to face either one? While we would like to see the happy and pleasant things, would we be able, if we knew ahead of time, to face a turn in fortune?

As it is, when bad things happen, we must, individually, adjust to them, and, perhaps, that is the reason we have not been given the gift of prescience.

Now, the question becomes, how do we face the hard times? Do we become so depressed we can't hardly face the day? Do we just get through the day as if it were a challenge? Do we say to ourselves that certainly the future will be brighter, and that this too shall pass?

Art Linkletter once said, "things

turn out the best for people who make the best of the way things turn out. I use his quote because he is a man who knows of what he speaks. Those of you who remember the "Art Linkletter Show" remember him as a kind, warm, smiling man who had an excellent rapport with all people, but particularly with children. I don't remember ever seeing him with a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye.

And I always thought, "Why not? He has everything - all that money can buy and a very happy life." But that was before his beautiful daughter, having taken LSD and completely oblivious to her surroundings, jumped out of the window of a tall building, killing herself in the process.

It was almost more than he could bear, to hear her tell about it later, yet he did not turn inward and become embittered because of it.

he turned more than ever toward helping people and, again, particularly children. He set a fine example for those who have faced such tragedies.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "People are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." And though he had more than his share of trouble, he remained upbeat and in control in extremely difficult situations.

We have only partial control as to what will happen in any particular day in any particular year. Both Art Linkletter and Abraham Lincoln have given us a challenge. The choice may not always be to our liking, but facing it head-on and doing the best we can with it can only make us stronger, more able people - people who can use that strength.

For positive action. This is true, however, only if we choose that path.

We should try to make the best of our way things turn out, not only for our own peace of mind, but also for the peace of mind of those who care about us.

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If you don't want to be playmate, just quit

I recently heard you speak in Wisconsin and realized that I have not made the transition from servanthood to leadership with my two girls, who are 6 and 4. Long past the time I should have taken control of my actions, I still do them, they still call me the shirts.

One of the first things I want to do now is stop being their playmate. At present I play with each or both of them at least 90 minutes every day, sometimes more. Should I continue to play with them at all or should I begin to expect them to entertain themselves without me?

In either case, how should I make the change?

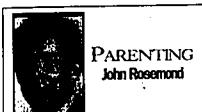
A. As I told that Wisconsin audience, our culture no longer supports a woman making the critical transition from servanthood to leadership.

The "mother of all" in which we live, which is God, must clear the air to validate that they are good mothers, has written on it messages like "The woman who spends the most time with her children is the best mom," "The woman who does the most for her children is the best mom," and "The woman who most successfully finds the problem every time her kids get upset is the best mom," and so on.

Women who subscribe to this propaganda are locked into serving their children. Their children, in turn, take them for granted and do not listen to what she has to say. Services are not supposed to give instruction, and when they do, well, they deserve to be ignored.

God for you that you have determined to liberate yourself from the box of parenting correctness (PC). I applaud you, but I need to also warn you that other mothers may be made uncomfortable by your liberation.

You need to know that there are negative social consequences to women who take charge of their children and refuse to play by the PC rules. It is nothing short of iron-



PARENTING

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invited to find that out for yourselves. I will probably be one exception, but, quite honestly, when I want to be a child myself, but these occasions will be rare. I love you both! Any questions?"

I strongly recommend that you simply "flip the switch" and never turn it back on again. Do not grade-always, always give a smiley smile, always be a playmate, always be a playmate to two children who are perfectly capable of entertaining themselves and one another is an excellent place for you to begin. In that regard, I would strongly recommend that you simply tell your children what the new program looks like.

Girls, hear me clearly, I am no longer going to be your playmate. You are old enough to figure out how to occupy your own time. From now on, I expect you to play by yourselves or with one another.

"If you ask me to play with you, the answer will be no, and you are

Thursday, Oct. 19th • 7:00 pm
BJHS Cafeteria
Boys 1st Grade - 6th & Parents

JOIN CUB SCOUTS
BECAUSE TOO MUCH FUN
IS NEVER ENOUGH!



The Cassia District of the Snake River Council, Boy Scouts of America would like to invite all boys 1st Grade - 6th Grade to a Scouting Night to be held at the Junior High School Cafeteria on Thursday, October 19, 2000 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be full of information about scouting and a chance to sign up for America's greatest youth organization. Bring your parents and we will answer any questions you may have about Tiger Cubs (1st Grade), Cub Scouts (2nd - 5th Grade), and Boy Scouts (6th Grade and Up). If you have any questions please call 677-7901.

Life-support system had four legs

Ruth, a 70-year-old widow, was locked alone in a cage 312 days a year. On Sundays, she attended church. After the services fellowship with an occasional visitor, she turned to her cage: a house with two bedrooms, one bath - typical of cages many elderly people live in across America.

I noticed Ruth's shoulders were slumping, her spirit sagging. Her lips froze in a permanent, thin smile of desolation. With no spouse, no family and no friends outside of church, she increasingly had no one to talk to, laugh with, cuddle. In short, Ruth needed to love and be loved. Who could fill this void? The answer: No human being. God had come to mind.

Cool's answer became clear to me while I was in a Texas airport. I saw a sign with a picture of an elderly woman holding a pet. "Like most people her age," the sign read, "she belongs in a home." Her words.

I thought, "Well, Ruth can return to a four-legged friend."

I invited her to breakfast one morning. Afterward, I said, "Why don't we go to the shelter and look at the pets?" "Oh, no," she said. "I know what you're up to! I appreciate the intent, but I'm too old for



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Marty Becker

another pet."

Morning, right on to Plan B, I said, "Well, let's go look for me, then." Cut to another cage, this one much smaller. Ruth and I navigated the shelter's slick floors, our nostrils singed from the smell of disinfectant; our ears hurt from the noise. We were not alone. A dog barked from another cage. "Let's go!" A lump in my throat formed because I knew the loving hand of God was performing open-heart surgery on the three of us.

Indeed, it was a match made in heaven, match made in heaven.

Former Twin Falls veterinarian Marty Becker is a veterinary contributor to ABC-TV's "Good Morning America."

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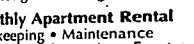
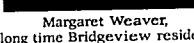
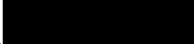
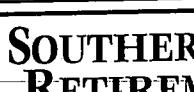
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LLOYD-IMES

JEROME — Mike and Terri Lloyd of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Challis Ann Lloyd, to Matthew Gavin Innes, son of Roger and Sharon Innes of La Crosse, Wis.

Lloyd is a 1993 graduate of Jerome High School. She received a bachelor of science degree from Boise State University in 1998. She is employed by Pharmacia & Upjohn Pharmaceuticals in Corvallis, Ore.

Innes is a graduate of Central High School in La Crosse, Wis. He received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1994. He is assistant women's rowing coach for Oregon State University and is also on the coaching staff of the



Matthew Innes and Challis Lloyd

U.S. National Rowing Team.

The wedding is planned for Friday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church. A dinner reception will follow at the Turt Club in Twin Falls.

The couple will reside in Corvallis, Ore.

WEDDING

HERNANDEZ-CEJA

RUPERTE — Silvia Hernandez and Santiago Ceja were married Sept. 23 at St. Nicholas Church in Rupert.

The officiant was the Rev. Henry Carmona. Music was performed by Pandilla de Cristo.

The bride is the daughter of Salvador and Maria Carmen Hernandez of Hansen.

Parents of the bridegroom are Augusto and Maria Ceja of San Pedro, Tacuromich, Mexico.

Myrna Gaxiola, friend of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor.

Crystal Perez, niece of the bride, was the flower girl.

Salvador Ceja served as best man.

Oscilio Hernandez, brother of the bride, was the ring bearer. A reception was held following the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Murtaugh High School. She is employed part-time at the Raft River Store.

The bridegroom attended high school in Michoacan, Mexico. He is employed at Webb Basin Dairy in Raft River.

The newlyweds reside in Raft River.

NEWHEY-CHILD

RICHFIELD — David and Colleen Newhey of Richfield announce the engagement of their daughter, DeeAnne Newhey, to Farris Ray Child, son of Gary and Judy Child of Burley.

Newhey is a 1996 graduate of Richfield High School and a 1998 graduate of Ricks College. She is attending Utah State University in Logan, Utah.

Child is a 1993 graduate of Burley High School and served in the Brazil Rio de Janeiro LDS Mission. He is attending Utah State University in Logan.

The wedding is planned for Nov. 2 in the Logan LDS Temple.



Farris Child and DeeAnne Newhey

A reception will be held from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 18 at the Unity LDS Ward in Burley. An open house will be held from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 25 at the Richfield LDS Ward.

BACKUS-ROMERO

TWIN FALLS — Stan and Tonya Backus of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Backus, to LeRoy Romero, son of LeRoy G. Romero of Twin Falls and LouAnn Malpass of Rocky Point, N.C.

Backus is a 1998 graduate of Twin Falls High School. She attended Boise State University and the Idaho School of Massage Therapy in Boise. She will continue her education at the Health Works Institute in Bozeman, Mont.

Romero is a 1996 graduate of Burley High School and attended BSU. He is employed at The Buckle in Bozeman.



Jennifer Backus and LeRoy Romero

The wedding is planned for Saturday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church with a reception following at the McFarland Building in Twin Falls.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE LEDBETTERS

KIMBERLY — Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Ledbetter of Kimberly celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family on Oct. 7.

Ledbetter and Mildred Jenkins were married Oct. 11, 1950, in Clinton, Ark.

They moved to Idaho in February 1951 and have lived in Kimberly since that time.

He worked for several construction contractors before becoming a self-employed carpenter with his sons.

She worked for Dodd's Insurance and Dr. C.F. Worster.

They have three children, Gary (Ann) Ledbetter and Randy (Linda) Ledbetter, all of Kimberly, and Denny (Adrienne)



Mildred and Ruel Ledbetter

Ledbetter of Kennewick, Wash.

The couple has four grandchil-

dren, seven step grandchildren,

one great-grandchild and several step-great-grandchildren.

Friends may send cards to Box

562, Kimberly, ID 83341.



Robert and Maxine Iverson

THE IVERSONS

TWIN FALLS — Robert and Maxine Iverson of Twin Falls celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their two sons, Robert Johnson and Martin

Iverson and their families, at a gathering at the Iverson's home.

The couple was married Sept. 13, 1950, in Elko, Nev.

TN Interactive

Do you have a great story about how you met your future in-laws? Or your son- or daughter-in-law to be? We'd like to hear your story.

The Times-News is preparing an article about

meeting your spouse's parents and family for the first time. If you'd like to share your story, give us a call.

Contact staff writer Steve Crump:

- By phone, 733-0931, Ext. 223.
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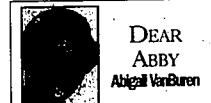
Marriage No. 12 awaits woman

DEAR ABBY: Is there any kind of legal document or restriction on the number of times a person can be married and divorced?

I have three daughters, ages 30, 27 and 25. The oldest and youngest are both college graduates, have great careers and are still single. My middle daughter dropped out of high school when she was 16 to get married. We were opposed, but she was determined. "Lana" works as a waitress in a restaurant. She has been married and divorced 11 times.

Lana and her newest boyfriend are going to get married. It has been only three months since she divorced her last husband. She has known this new boyfriend for only a few weeks. He is 38 years old and has a good business. Will he be Lana's 12th marriage?

She says she wants all of our extended family to be invited, because it is her boyfriend's wedding — and she says it will be his wedding. (We've heard that several times before.) Her boyfriend is paying all the wedding expenses; however, neither I nor her sisters, who will have to travel a great distance, are eager to go.

DEAR ABBY
Abby VanBuren

attend. I will — but I do not want to interrupt the lives of our extended family to have them attend another wedding that may end up in divorce sooner rather than later, as her 11 other marriages did. Your thoughts, please. P.S. I am a widow.

MOTHER OF THE "BRIDE": DEAR MOTHER: Your daughter is going to be a super salesperson. I believe that someone with any degree of intelligence would marry a person with Lana's marital history after such a short engagement and no premarital counseling. There is either a sucking

or born every minute, or her fiance is a terminal optimist.

Since your daughter's fiance is paying for the wedding, they may invite whomever they wish. It's up to the relatives to decide whether or not to attend the 12th wedding. However, if they sent only their good wishes, I would be fine.

Unfortunately, there is no limit on the number of times a person can be married. Let's hope your daughter doesn't go for a baker's dozen.

To address the questions in your P.S.: Asking whether there is anyone present who knows why this man and woman should not be united in holy matrimony is a holdover from times when there were no phones, travel was difficult and there was less communication between communities than there has been in the last century. Its purpose was to reveal if there were any impediments to the union, such as the bride having been pledged to someone else, or the groom already being married.

Another impediment might be that they were close blood relatives. Today, no one is expected to voice an objection.

When to compromise — and when not to

STRESS
Tim O'Brien

hour is high.

If we compromise our morals or act hypocritically (which is a form of compromise), will we feel good about ourselves? Would this type of behavior enhance our sense of self-worth? If it did, then it is a good idea. However, there are psychological challenges that need attention. When we act in ways that undermine our positive self-perception, problems follow.

In relationships, compromise is difficult. If two widely divergent opinions or points of view exist, compromise seldom is a good solution. Just like with politics, the forced blending of divergent viewpoints usually satisfies neither party.

In matters of principle, be certain of your position within your personal moral code. "What if the other person in the relationship believes the exact opposite that I believe?" That is possible, but not necessarily fatal. Again, there is more than one functional code of ethics that people can buy into, and there is no right or wrong. However, there will be times of apparent irreconcilable differences. Look at these areas honestly. Do they actually cause such a problem that the relationship can no longer work? Or are you upset because you think you are correct and can't see why the other person isn't? Does his or her different stance threaten your sense of control, either over that person or the situation?

Compromise in small matters of little significance works: "Should we serve pumpkincrick or rye?" Can't agree? Serve the swirled type of bread. That's an example where compromise ends another person's desire to be another person's friend rather than compromising. Also, stand firm on matters of principle, based on ethics, not ego. It isn't always easy or pleasant. However, it makes it easier to live with yourself knowing you followed Shakespeare's dictum: "This above all, to thine self be true."

Tim O'Brien writes continuing education courses and presents seminars on stress management. Readers may write to him at 2938 Wellington Circle East, Tallahassee, Fla. 32308.

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FAMILY LIFE

Turner plans recital

The Times-News

BOISE - Soprano Rebecca Turner, formerly of Twin Falls, will perform her senior recital at 4 p.m. Oct. 21 in the Morrison Center Recital Hall at Boise State University.

Turner, the daughter of Revis and Denise Turner of Twin Falls, is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and the Golden Key National Honor Society. She sings with the BSU Meistersingers and is a member of MENC (music educators). She studies voice under Dr. Lynn Berg.

She was recently selected to sing in the Fall 2000 Dale Moore

Workshop and in the Spring 2000 Power Performance Workshop with Shirley Emmons and Alma Thomas. She will also sing with the Merridian Symphony in November and the music of

Marcelline in an excerpt of Beethoven's "Fidelio" in the BSU November Opera Theater Recital.

She won fourth place in the N.A.T.S. Vocal Competition in spring 1999 and third place in spring 2000. This year, she performed as the soprano soloist for the Magic Valley Chorale's production of Mendelssohn's "Elijah" in Twin Falls and played the lead role of Susanna in the BSU Music Department production of Mozart's "The Magic Flute." This summer she portrayed the role of Hodel in the Music Theater of Idaho's "Fiddler on the Roof."

Turner graduated from Twin Falls High School as a co-valedictorian in 1998. She sang with the Madrigals and Chamber Singers and studied voice under Richard Smack and Camille Cox. She studied piano under Phyllis Van Nest.

The recital is open to the public, and admission is free. Call 435-3980 for more information.

A light dinner will be served, featuring Falls Brand prime rib of pork and a no-host bar will be available.

A silent auction will feature calligraphy pieces by millennium artist Ted Clausen. The event is semiformal.

Tickets, which are \$20 per person, can be purchased from any Junior Club member or by calling the arts council office at 734-4425.



Photo courtesy Dilettantes of the Magic Valley

Roger Vincent played Emile DeBacque in the Dilettantes' 1965 production of 'South Pacific.' At left is Margaret Mead, who played Nana DeBacque, and at right is Kim Brumbaugh, who was Jerome DeBacque.

Dilettantes head to 'South Pacific'

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Dilettantes Group of the Magic Valley has chosen Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein's "South Pacific" as their 43rd annual musical production.

Auditions are scheduled Oct. 22 from 3-9 p.m. and on Oct. 23 from 5-9 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran School.

The production is scheduled for next March.

Everyone is welcome to try out for a part and should come prepared to sing a song. An accompanist will be provided.

The musical will be directed by Lori Henson and choreographed by Heather Hacking. Sharon Warner will be the musical director.

For further information, call Henson at 736-7136.

Junior Club slates Millennium Sculpture Gala Saturday night

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Junior Club of Twin Falls will sponsor a Millennium Sculpture Gala Saturday night at the Magic Valley Arts Council office.

The event is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Mr. D.J. will provide dance music. Guests will be invited to a carriage ride to the sculpture sites.

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featuring Falls Brand prime rib of pork and a no-host bar will be available.

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The office is located at 132 Main Ave. S.

Jump Co. looks for director, choreographer, musical director

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TWIN FALLS - Bestselling author Richard Paul Evans will sign copies of his new novel, "The Carousel," at Waldenbooks in the Magic Valley Mall on Wednesday.

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Buhl Arts Council receives two grants

The Times-News

BUHL - The Buhl Arts Council has recently received two grants from the Idaho Commission on the Arts.

The first grant is from the "Arts in Rural Towns" program which encourages the creation and growth of local arts councils in Idaho's rural communities. The funding, which will provide support for performances, residencies and exhibits, will be applied towards the arts council's winter performing arts events.

The second grant, in support of arts programs for creative alternatives for youth, is from the arts commission with funds from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Idaho Legislature. The funds will be used to develop the Eighth Street Center Art Projects Extreme program. On Wednesday afternoons, 15 students from Buhl High School will take art classes instructed by artisans and art educators. Five different programs will be held throughout the year.

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in December and rehearsals will be in January and February. The performances are set for March 2 and 3.

Those interested can send resume to: JUMP Co., P.O. Box 1030, Twin Falls 83303-1030. Applications will be accepted through Oct. 30.

Student auditions will be held

If you'd like your event included, mail, fax or e-mail it to us by Thursday noon. The address is: Times-News, Dept. of Community Times, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303, the fax number is 734-5538, and the e-mail address is crump@magvalley.com.

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Kiwanis holds OktoberFeast Wednesday

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Kiwanis plan their third annual OktoberFeast on Wednesday.

The event is a fund-raiser for local children's programs and scholarships.

German cuisine will be served from 4:30-9 p.m. at the Turf Club, with music by an oompah band. Dinner costs \$6.50, admission \$7 for adults and \$2 for children. Beer will be available for \$1 a glass.

Proceeds go to help support the Hershey Truck Meet, Reading is Fundamental, a wrestling tournament, a youth football team scholarships and support for the Twin Falls and Kimberly high school Key Clubs.

The Kiwanians also take underprivileged youngsters to a College of Southern Idaho basketball game.

For further information, call Mark Melni at 736-4276 or 733-6760.

The Turf Club is located at 734 Falls Ave.



Photo courtesy of Leading Talent Enterprise Inc.

The New Frankie Goes To Hollywood featuring Davey Johnson plays Tuesday night at The Ballroom.

Successful marketing campaign.

Their sexually suggestive debut single, "Relax," was banned by the BBC - along with an accompanying video. The record shot to the top of the British charts, where it remained for five weeks.

"Relax" reached No. 10 on the Billboard charts in the United States in 1985.

Tickets for Tuesday's party are \$12 in advance at the Music Exchange and \$15 at the door.

The event is sponsored by The Ballroom and by Mami Inez.

The Ballroom is located at 205 Shoshone St. N.

Frankie plays dance party

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The New Frankie Goes to Hollywood

featuring Davey Johnson, the reincarnation of a high-profile British musical group of the mid-1980s, will play an '80s Retro Dance Party Tuesday night at The Ballroom.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. DJ Kurt Kruisel will supply the music from 8-10 p.m., when Frankie will take the stage.

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